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Barn raising may still be in future

Regents to consider reconstruction

BY ANGIE STEVENSON
MANAGING EDITOR

Nothing but memories remain of the demolished Barn Theatre, but true to theatrical form, "it ain't over 'till the fat lady sings."

At the Feb. 15 Board of Regents meeting, College President Julio Leon was given the green light to consider planning reconstruction of the theatre. Regents President Pat Phelps asked the theatre department to give a presentation at the next meeting, scheduled for March 15.

Dr. Jay Fields, director of theatre, said he was not aware of the request, but would be more than happy to give such a presentation.

"The more we're able to meet with people, the better we'll be able to communicate our ideas," Fields said. "I think this would be ideal."

"It makes everybody in the theatre department pleased that the administration is thinking about us."

According to Dr. John Tiede, senior vice president, no concrete decisions have been made as to the design of a new structure. However, he said they probably would "want to try to make it appear as much as possible, on the outside at least, like the old Barn."

"I think that one thing we've all kind of decided on is that if we're going to reconstruct, one of the big things about it is the nostalgia aspect," Tiede said. "To put some sort of flat-roofed building down there next to the silo just wouldn't exactly be the same."

Fields also said it "is important to maintain something of the previous Barn, because for a lot of people, that was theatre." However, looking at it from the perspective of choosing the most flexible design, which he called a black box theatre, Fields was not sure a barn-shaped building would be feasible.

"I think it needs to reflect the needs of the school and department now, which would not be met by the previous floor plan," he said. "I am hoping it would turn into a black box theatre, which would be a big, black room with seats and a stage."

The black box theatre would be a one-story structure which could be adjusted to different types of settings, including a movie theatre for the Campus Activities Board.

"With a one-story building, you would already be away from the shape of a barn," Fields said. "I think the neatest idea I've heard in maintaining the feel of the old Barn would be using the silo as an entrance way to the main theatre. That way the old barn would bring you

into the new theatre."

Fields said the department is "thrilled that the administration would even think there's a possibility that the theatre might be rebuilt."

"We don't feel we deserve it or that they owe it to us," he said. "To us it's just like icing on the cake. We feel like we are treated well. We work hard and we are appreciated."

He said the reconstruction of the Barn might help the department in more competitive recruitment.

"I think Missouri Southern is growing in all areas and programs are improving," Fields said. "The arts are no exception. We have to keep ourselves equal with any institution around us. With the new theatre we would definitely be a step up in recruiting high school students."

Whether the need for a more intimate theatre than Taylor Auditorium is justified may be somewhat irrelevant, as the project's feasibility hinges on funding. According to Tiede, they are "eyeballing" a figure around \$500,000 for a new theatre. The College collected \$100,000 in insurance money, leaving \$400,000 unaccounted.

Tiede has some "broad ideas" for funding, one of which is soliciting gifts. He said with the current situation of state funding, the College must be careful "not to jeopardize funding of the communications/social science building."

Fields, too, is somewhat cautious about being too optimistic, pointing out that obtaining private funding is a slow-moving process.

There are people in the area who feel culture is important and history is important," he said, "but even the Phon-A-Thon was only able to raise about half of what we need."

"I don't look for all of this to happen real soon. I know the school wants to do it, but budgets are tight and it takes time."

If the regents decide to go ahead with reconstruction, Tiede hopes to have plans finalized by the end of this fiscal year. He said actual construction of the building would depend on funding.

"That's going to be the biggest problem in making the transition between planning and actual construction," Tiede said.

The theatre department will take the situation in stride, according to Fields. He said after the fire, which destroyed the Barn on Nov. 22, theatre life at Southern has continued at its "normal busy pace."

"We've just been going on the way we always would—with or without the Barn," he said. "We haven't been sitting over here mourning about it."

The College is always going to come down on the side of safety,"

FREE FALLING



Mark Montgomery, freshman law enforcement major, catches some air with his snow-board on a hill behind the Billingsly Student Center Monday after a weekend snowfall left five inches in the Joplin area.

Brown: cancellation 'unusual'

Snow causes some to miss classes

BY KAYLEA HUTSON
CAMPUS EDITOR

The snowfall that covered the Joplin area Sunday resulted in the closing of most area schools the next day. Missouri Southern, however, held classes Monday.

According to Dr. Robert Brown, vice president for academic affairs, classes are only cancelled in the case of "extremely bad weather."

"If people can't travel," Brown said, "or if we get such a weather situation where people can't get here, then we will certainly take that into account."

Classes are cancelled, Brown said, by an administrative decision, with College President Julio Leon making the final determination.

"The College is always going to come down on the side of safety,"

Brown said. "We don't want to take any chances with safety; we always say the thing people must do is exercise sound judgment and caution."

Gwen Hunt, public information director, said in the case of a closing, she notifies every radio station within a 30-mile radius of Joplin as well as the three local television stations.

According to Brown, a situation calling for the dismissal of classes is "very unusual."

"It's really an unusual situation when things are so bad that people can't safely travel," he said.

The last dismissal of classes came on Monday, March 6, 1989, when nine inches of snow fell on the Joplin area. According to the National Weather Service, five inches of snow covered Joplin by late Sunday.

"As it turned out nobody had

trouble getting here," Brown said. "There weren't any bad road conditions. By early morning on Monday the streets were clear so we didn't really have an emergency."

However, some students, including Bryan Meares, sophomore communications major, were unable to attend classes Monday due to road conditions.

"I couldn't leave my house until Monday afternoon," said Meares. "I live about 10 miles away from campus."

Meares said crews did not begin to clear roads near his home until Monday afternoon.

"I'm glad that I didn't drive before they cleared the roads, because I saw a couple of ditched vehicles on my drive here late Monday afternoon."

He said it was unfortunate classes were not cancelled because he later found out that he missed a 25-point pop quiz.

Testing ignites student criticism

BY CHRISTOPHER CLARK
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Reactions to last week's ACT-COMP test have run the gamut, with praise and sharp criticism dividing the opinions.

The test, which cost the College nearly \$8,000, not including meal costs, garnered mostly negative reactions from students who called it "a waste of time" and an "insult to our intelligence."

"It was pretty much a big waste," said Pat Creech, a senior history major. "The subject test was a good test, but the general test was a waste."

Stories have abounded about students who skewed the test results. Creech said no one in his room took the test seriously.

"I did answer all the questions," he said. "But it was all kind of a big game. Everybody pretty much laughed at it all."

Faculty reaction was mostly positive, as many were impressed with the ease with which the test was administered.

"I was very impressed with the way it was run," said Mary DeArmond, instructor of English. "It was well organized. It may have been a little long and a little slow, but I think it went well."

Some faculty believe a more content-based test would have been better. Dr. Allen Merriam, professor of communications, believes giving such exams as the Standard Aptitude Test (SAT) or the American College Test (ACT) would have given a more accurate measure.

"It might be good to have students take those tests to see how they have improved since high school," he said.

The morning test did run past schedule. It ended at about 11:45 a.m., 30 minutes past its intended finishing time. The overrun caused some students who had prior obligations to leave early.

"Logistically, the day was flawless," said Dr. Betty Israel, director of assessment. "It just went so well. The students cooperated, and the faculty cooperated. It was so much more successful than I ever expected it to be."

However, most of the students' complaints center on the test itself, rather than its administration. Some complain that the questions were too easy to produce a valid measurement.

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Legislators to formally kick off construction

Groundbreaking for Webster set in early March

BY CHRISTOPHER CLARK
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Groundbreaking for the Webster Communications and Social Science Building has been set for Friday, March 8, with several state legislators scheduled to attend.

Among those confirmed to attend are Sen. Roger Wilson (D-Columbia) and Sen. Marvin Singleton (R-Seneca). The three local representatives also have been invited to attend the ceremony, tentatively set for 11 a.m.

On Tuesday, Dr. John Tiede, senior vice president, said in addition to the local legislators, other state lawmakers will be invited, including Gov. John Ashcroft and Sen. James Mathewson (D-Sedalia), president pro-temp of the Senate.



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TALKING A GOOD LOBBY GAME

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Mary Hanewinkel, Student Senate president, visits with (left) Sen. Henry Panethiere (D-Kansas City) and Sen. Dennis Smith (R-Springfield).

Student Senate receives \$2,000, allocates \$1,271.43

A much-needed boost of \$2,000 from student activity fees boosted the Student Senate budget to a balance of \$4,237 at the start of last night's meeting.

After filling openings for two freshman senators with Amy Mustard and Christy O'Brien, and one sophomore opening with Rachael Nichols, senators began discussion of this week's funding requests.

Under new business, the Student

Athletic Training Staff requested \$667 for a conference on treatment for injuries, as well as seminars on emergency situations, sudden death in athletes, and AIDS awareness.

However, the Senate finance committee recommended nothing for the staff pending further information. After a presentation from an athletic trainer staff member, the motion was made to give the trainers \$568, a figure that would cover all ex-

penses but meals. The motion failed unanimously, but a second motion to allocate \$421 to cover only registration and travel passed unanimously.

Sigma Pi requested \$494.43 to fund a benefit basketball game and attend a leadership conference in Vincennes, Ind. The Senate finance committee recommended \$214.43 for the Feb. 22 game, to cover everything but the gym rental. A motion was made to change the

figure to \$374.43 to cover only travel and lodging to Vincennes. It passed.

The Art League, in order to fund a March 18 trip to Chicago to view several art museums, asked for an allocation of \$1,000. The Senate finance committee recommended \$476 to cover half of the expenses. The 11 Art League members going each would pay approximately \$47. The motion passed unanimously.

Student senators lobby for CollegeBY JAN GARDNER
ARTS EDITOR

One of the "best ever" lobbying trips was how Doug Carnahan, Student Senate adviser, described this week's Senate lobbying trip to the State Capitol.

Positive legislative feedback about well-informed students, the quality of the Senate-sponsored luncheon, and the information packets which were distributed led Carnahan to believe the lobby was successful.

Among the issues senators presented to state lawmakers were increased funding for continued construction of the Webster Communications and Social Science Building and more equality in funding to the College as a whole.

"Based on facts and figures, Missouri Southern does not receive their fair share," Carnahan said. "Missouri Southern has an identity problem in that we're in the southwest corner and not as much is known about us as other colleges around the state."

Adding increased efficiency to the

lobbying trip, a new policy of organizing senators into specific Capitol offices was initiated this year.

"It was structured so different senators hit different offices," Carnahan said. "It made sure there was no overlap. We didn't want to be a nuisance."

Mary Hanewinkel, Student Senate president, said the trip went much better this year.

"It wasn't a haphazard deal," she said.

Tuesday's sandwich buffet, which catered to more than 400 legislators, secretaries, and Capitol staff, gave students a chance to visit with state officials on a more informal level.

"The dinner did a lot," said Amber Commons, sophomore senator. "Once we got them (the legislators) down there, we could tell them how much the College does for us."

According to Carnahan, more state lawmakers participated in the luncheon than in previous years.

"Other colleges have similar banquets," he said, "but, according to past comments, ours is the best."

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American Econ System	3	2:00-3:15	MTWTH
Orientation to Education**	1	9:00-9:50	TTH
Intro to Literature	3	1:00-2:45	MWF
Mchndis/Inv Plan***	1	11:00-11:50	MWF
Legal Aspects***	1	10:00-10:50	MWF
Human Relations***	1	9:30-10:45	TTH
Spain Today	1	TBA	TBA
Adventure Train Lab*	2	3:00-3:50	MW
Music Appreciation	3	10:00-11:00	Daily
Self-Awareness Career Plan	1	10:00-10:50	MW
Gen Psychology	3	2:00-3:15	MTWTH
Theatre Lab	1	1:00-3:00	TTH
Human Rel for Business	1	6:30-8:20	W
Mchndis/Inv Plan***	1	6:30-9:15	M
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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1991

OUR EDITORIALS

Editorials on this page express opinions of The Chart staff. Opinions elsewhere on the page represent independent viewpoints of columnists, cartoonists, and readers.

A mixed bag

On assessment, Missouri Southern is a mixed bag to say the least. Opinions on the validity of the test, its administration, and its skewed results aren't doing anything to dim the optimism of Dr. Betty Israel, director of assessment. She called the day of the test a logistical success, viewing it something of a miracle that 631 seniors were tested the same day.

Maybe, but many of the students don't share her good feelings. Stories of skewed answers, numerous questions left unanswered, and general frustration over what seemed to be too easy of a test (even some faculty confirm that) have combined to sharply divide the College's largest elements: the administration and the students. Both sides' arguments rise and fall, making the search for a middle important to the College's process of assessing itself.

The assessment office seems to be moving in the right direction, stressing the importance of student input. Obviously, students make assessment work, and without them and their cooperation, little is accomplished. Making the students an integral part of the process would do away with skewed tests and unanswered questions.

Frankly, little has been offered about how to make the test better. Some have said the testers need to stick to their timeframe on test day to avoid having students leave early. It's a good thought.

It's been proven that assessment is needed at Missouri Southern. It may be the only way to feasibly measure our students. There is room for improvement, and we suggest that seniors who took the test give their suggestions to Israel so she can make next year's assessment better.

Dirty plates?

A push in the state legislature to ban license plates that are adversarial to public policy smacks of the same garbage we hear about banning "obscene" bumper stickers.

Morality once again is in the hands of government, which every session seems to play the role of censor. The bill, all good intentions aside, is looking to eliminate one plate in the state that reads "Aryan." An admirable cause, but bills like these fail to be content-neutral, meaning that if a plate read "Satan" instead of something like "Jesus," it wouldn't pass. The bill, and others like it, purport hefty double standards that hold no interest in the First Amendment.

Each session, we hear of these types of bills. It's rare that any of them pass, and they serve to be little more than campaign fodder for the constituents back home. It becomes more and more evident that some legislators only want to look like they care about morality, but they should know that outlawing such speech only drives it underground and makes it more dangerous.

We urge lawmakers interested in the Bill of Rights to smash this legislation.

Creatures with a consciousness have moral rights

The ethical beliefs of this society have improved over the decades. Many people have realized that a person's moral rights have nothing to do with skin color or genitalia, but there is still a long way to go. Most people have not consciously realized that animals other than humans have moral rights. This mistaken attitude desperately needs corrected.

For a being to have moral rights, it must have either one of two characteristics: an ability to suffer pain or a consciousness of its own existence. If a particular animal can suffer pain, then torturing that animal is wrong. Even if done painlessly, killing an animal is wrong if that animal is aware of itself. The essential point is that the interests of any being with either of the above characteristics must be considered when making moral decisions.

I am not claiming that animals have identical rights to humans or that humans have the same rights as animals. For instance, pigs have no interest in religion nor do they have a right to freedom of religion. Not allowing a pig to go to the church of its choice isn't going to cause the pig any suffering, and, of course, infringing on the rights of animals (including humans) can be justified by extenuating circumstances. Self-defense, for example, could justify harming or killing any animal.

But as an advocate of animal rights, I support

the total abolition of hunting, trapping, and the use of animals for science, medicine, meat, fur, or hide.

A position this radical encourages two common opposing reactions. The first is a utilitarian argument which claims that validating the rights of animals will have harmful results. This argument fails because some wrongs are not justified by their benefits to society. For instance, we could advance medically by experiments on humans, but the benefits wouldn't justify the experimentation. Remember, a utilitarian argument was used to justify slavery when slaveholders said, "If you take away our slaves, we'll suffer economically." That argument justifies neither slavery nor the wrongs of animals.

The second major objection is religious. Some Christians claim animals were given to them by God to do with as they please. With this view there is no amount of cruelty performed on an animal that can be considered wrong. Setting cats on fire or torturing any other animal (except humans) would be perfectly permissible, but obviously those things are horrible. Also, it is difficult to base morality on authority. If you follow a god's morality simply because the alleged being is powerful, then your moral system may turn out to be no better than the Nazis who claimed that they were just "following orders."

I'm not condemning Christianity; I am at-

tacking the unquestioning, blindly obedient belief systems which "just follow orders."

To most people reading this article, the concept of animal rights will probably seem strange since we've all grown up accepting animals as resources. This attitude is considered normal, but remember, once people believed in the acceptability of slavery, burning people at the stake, and not allowing women to vote.

Those times have changed. Hopefully, ours will, too.

Paul Hood

YOUR LETTERS

Please submit "Letters to the Editor" to The Chart office in Hearnes Hall 117 by noon Monday for publication in that week's edition. All letters must be typed or printed neatly, and signed. Letters of fewer than 300 words receive priority consideration.



Editor letters entertaining, educational

BY PHYLLIS PERRY
EDITORIAL PAGE EDITOR

This semester I took over the editorial page after Carine Peterson went on to other things. It has been an interesting experience for me since I tend to be opinionated and get a kick out of hearing the opinions of other people.

I find, however, that in heated discussions, there are many points lost by interruptions, personal insults, and comments made by onlookers. Two people might find themselves arguing the same side but not realize it, or they might see the other side of the issue and change their minds should they listen.

The point is, in a face-to-face public oral disagreement, people have "face" to save and that defeats the finer advantages of opinion giving. Perhaps this is why I often enjoy "Dear Abby" more than *Donahue* and *Oprah*. I never miss what one reader says because another is interrupting. In writing and reading, a person can concentrate on only one side at a time.

This is why I have enjoyed the letters we receive for the "Public Forum" page, and this semester there has been a few with intriguing bits of controversy, which I have found delightful. Two must be my favorites.

Remember—those of you who went—the rodeo last semester? It was fun, interesting. I went before the show and watched the horses being exercised and the stock mulling around the corral. Alert eyes, healthy coats, and the strong postures on most of the horses made them appear more physically and emotionally healthy than many forgotten "pet" horses I've watched with drooping heads drag their feet hopefully around a pasture.

But because animal rights, a long-needed movement in my opinion, sometimes has radical activists,

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I wondered about their feelings on rodeo events, and I wondered how rodeo enthusiasts defend their sport. That's one reason why I was very pleased to get Jean Blackwood's letter. Her points even made me wonder about my own feelings. Her letter had, as I had hoped, the strength to elicit two excellent responses, one from a professional rodeo rider, Jeff Havel, and another from the proprietor of a rodeo school.

How do I feel about rodeos after these two letters? More informed. Where there are children and animals, there will always be cruelty, whether the setting is a puppy mill, a greyhound track, a rodeo, or an orphanage. How much effort those in charge make to prevent cruelty is effected by how highly we, the public, regard or disregard the right children and animals have to security and acceptance. Blackwood's letter spoke up for those that could not speak for themselves. The letters from Havel and Lyle Sankey acknowledged Blackwood's concern and assured us all that animals were not being hurt.

I was actually more astonished, however, not only by the clarity and just plain fine writing of these "callous-handed" hoy-tossers, but also by the tender, kind, and sensitive way they addressed Blackwood's concerns. As a communications and English person, I found a deepened respect for these men who apparently are more thoughtful and considerate than they are given credit for being. I believe they showed a great deal of humanity. That, more than their actual arguments, gave me faith in their words.

Another letter came from a young man worried about the apparent lack of intelligence in education majors. A lot of people worry about the entire American school system's lack of intelligence. I was happy for this letter, because it brought into the open what one person perceived. Perhaps Cheryl Stafford's response put Kenny Neuberger's mind at ease about education majors, perhaps not. Either way, Cheryl Stafford, G.E. Ray, and all other education persons who read the letter are aware that at least one in-

dividual is worried.

What should education majors do to relieve these worries? Make sure all expectations are met? Perhaps not. Studies have shown that teachers do sometimes come from the lower portions of the grade hierarchies, but then, there is more to teaching than intelligence. I wish someone in the education department had mentioned that many professors frustrate students because, despite extreme intelligence, they are unable to communicate the contents of their heads to the heads of their students. Sometimes an illiterate nanny can teach children more than a nuclear physicist.

Personally, I don't want Albert Einstein teaching high school physics to five students at Tiny Town school district in an Appalachian hollow. I want Albert in a lab making new discoveries, writing papers, and improving physics, mathematics, and any other area at which he excels. My child should be handled by someone more kid-oriented who can break Einstein's discoveries into debatable bits. In my opinion, the heavy-duty super-thinker's place is in the laboratories. In high schools, we should have the "middle-men" dealing in technology and mediating between the creators and the unknowing little tabula rasa who sit in classrooms, wishing to be else where.

I hope no one becomes embarrassed or hurt over comments made by those who take time to write to *The Chart*. And although my job is not to judge, but to type the letters into our VDT and then paste them on the page, I can still look forward to those especially strong letters which move people to think, to become irritated, to formulate their own ideas, and to respond. People tend to act in accordance with their thoughts, and for us to understand their actions we must know how they perceive the world. Writing to their local paper is one way people open the door to their thoughts and give us insight into their actions. It is up to us to listen, think, and then either understand and accept the other person or respond to his or her fears. If those fears are suffered without need, I believe we should take the time, as did the rodeo and education respondents to set a worried mind at ease.

Efforts give Southern better reputation

BY PAT PHELPS
PRESIDENT, BOARD OF REGENTS

When I became a member of the Board of Regents at Missouri Southern in the fall of 1985, one of the responsibilities which I undertook was to join the other regents in working to assure that MSSC was the best undergraduate educational institution in the state of Missouri. Through the leadership of our president, Dr. Julio Leon, I believe we have made great strides toward achieving that goal.

On the quality of education side, our curriculum has been extensively revised, broadening our core curriculum to include more and better writing intensive courses, now with an international dimension. As faculty positions became available, a special effort was made to recruit candidates who were not only well qualified, but also good classroom teachers. Within



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our limited resources, we have tried to support our faculty by providing them an opportunity to enhance their own experiences, thereby providing, through them, a better learning opportunity for our students.

As the word got around that MSSC was really becoming a pretty good place to get your college education, we began to enroll a more diversified and higher quality of student. To accommodate those students whose homes were too far from MSSC to commute, and through the foresight of regent Russell Smith, we added three new 40-man dormitories. Classroom space was added to Matthews and Reynolds Halls. A major addition was added to the Gene Taylor education building. Additional parking area was constructed west of the biology pond. Our new social science and communications building, Webster Hall, is now under construction and, hopefully, will be ready by the fall of 1992. As a result of our assessment programs, we expect to be able to demonstrate statistically that we are not only enrolling a better student, but also are graduating a better student.

Unfortunately, the excitement that we feel about what is happening at MSSC has not been translated into adequate financial support from Jefferson City, the source of funds for nearly three-fourths of our budget. However, we must not let this dampen our enthusiasm or weaken our resolve. MSSC can still be, and will be, the best!

What it takes is local support, and we are getting it. Every year, the MSSC Foundation Phon-A-Thon is over subscribed, even though its goal is increased each year. The scholarship money that is given each year by local individuals and businesses is growing and is a vital part of our effort to keep this college affordable, even though the tuition and fee increases have had to be substantial to offset the shortfall of state support. Bequests to the Foundation will enable it to assist us in doing those little extra things that make the difference between MSSC being just a mediocre college or being an excellent college. Thank you, alumnus/a and friends. I think your support demonstrates that you approve of what is happening at the college. Thank you, students, for demonstrating a willingness to make the necessary personal sacrifices to be a student at, and ultimately a graduate of, Missouri Southern State College.

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'Stagnation' here for Soviet Union

Democracy's future uncertain

BY VITALY KOROTICH
NEW PERSPECTIVES QUARTERLY

[Editor's note: Vitaly Korotich is the editor of *Ogonyok*, one of the largest-circulation weekly magazines in the Soviet Union. During the initial stages of glasnost in 1987, Korotich was asked by Mikhail Gorbachev's top aide, Aleksandr Yakovlev, to take the editorship of *Ogonyok*. Korotich's remarks here reflect the sentiments of Gorbachev's early liberal allies, now cast aside as the Soviet president has apparently swung to the right in the past few months.]

It is a very dangerous moment for the Soviet Union. We are in the same situation as the rest of Europe was in 1946-47—our economy is totally destroyed; only the black market functions. We are sitting on ruins while our soldiers are selling chewing gum and cigarettes. The Soviet Union is entering a new "period of stagnation," as the time of Leonid Brezhnev was known, but it will be far worse because it is stagnation following stagnation.

There is no going back, yet the military-industrial complex and the bureaucracy stand in the way of any further changes. Things have simply stopped. After five years of perestroika, the military crackdown in Lithuania and the appointment of Gennady Yanayev as vice president have signaled a return to the old style of leadership. Last year, we optimistically spoke about a Marshall Plan. This year we are talking about martial law.

As I warned British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher in 1989, the empire will strike back. And now it has.

The totalitarian system may be dead, but it won't lie down. Military hardliners may be able to organize a quiet society by stopping demonstrations and rolling back glasnost, but they can't make the destroyed economy work. Indeed, their return may push our society into new and more dangerous times that will lead to Romanian-type results—where people will be forced to kill the powers that be as the only way to effect change. I hope it doesn't come to this.

In such a situation, the leadership of Mikhail Gorbachev has turned schizophrenic. Both hostage to the communist system and a product of it, he is afraid to recognize that the system is dead.

Today, Gorbachev is trying to be Salvador Allende and Augusto Pinochet at the same time, which is difficult. The schizophrenic nature of the situation was reflected clearly in the military crackdown in Lithuania. According to the scenario, the colonels apparently worked out with the president, the military would move into the Baltics in January to enforce presidential rule. The military moved in and played its role, but Gorbachev didn't play his. Perhaps the public outcry stayed his hand.

In the end, Gorbachev has sided with the apparatus from which he came. But, fortunately so far, he can't seem to find the courage of his convictions. When Gorbachev began perestroika, he had no idea how far the system would unravel. At first, he thought he could reform the system little by little, like an old peasant peeling away the dirty leaves of a cabbage to get to the clean core. But instead Gorbachev found that the core itself was rotten.

He became worried, falling back on the old pillars of stability in the vacuum—the military industrial complex and the Communist Party

establishment. While doing more and more to placate the military hardliners, he still hasn't understood that they will never forgive him for the five years of humiliation and terror they went through—the withdrawal from Afghanistan, the "loss" of Eastern Europe, conventional and strategic arms treaties, a general demotion in social status, sanctioning military action by the U.S. in the Persian Gulf near Soviet borders.

Gorbachev should understand that most of the military's hatred for the disarmament policies of Eduard Shevardnadze, hatred which finally drove the foreign minister to resign, is directed at him as well.

He doesn't seem to understand that he will be kept in power only as long as the hardliners need contact with the West. As soon as those contacts are destroyed, or become unnecessary, they will simply kick Gorbachev out of office and replace him with someone else. For now, Gorbachev plays the useful function of a "human shield," protecting the Soviet military-industrial complex.

Insulated by his Kremlin information-handlers, Gorbachev also hasn't yet understood that the country has changed and can't return to the old ways. He may be the boss at the center, but the republics have become power bases beyond his control.

With or without Gorbachev, we face five or six years of slow disintegration ahead. This dismal prospect is a better alternative than civil war, which may well erupt in some regions. But everyone must be realistic. Justifiable as its claims are, Lithuania can't relocate to Nebraska. Independent or not, it must sell its cabbage and potatoes to Russia, not to Sweden. In Eastern Europe, Poland too will have to sell to the USSR because its products won't yet be able to compete in the West.

We may hate one another, but we can't live without each other. We can only climb out of the abyss together. Our situation over the next years will be much like that of Sidney Poitier and Tony Curtis in the American movie *The Defiant Ones*. The white prisoner hated the black prisoner, but connected by chains, they had to escape together or not at all.

After struggling through this period of disintegration of the USSR, perhaps integration of the republics on an entirely new level, based on economic self-interest, will be possible.

Also, I am convinced it is time now to consider the organization of a loyal opposition. Along with myself, several key figures—Eduard Shevardnadze, Aleksandr Yakovlev, Moscow Mayor Gavril Popov, Lenin-grad Mayor Anatoly Sobchak, even academician Giorgi Arbatov—are interested in this idea.

This organized democratic opposition would fight to prevent the previous reforms from being rolled back. We want to restore perestroika to its previous level. The situation is not hopeless, as the public pressure that restrained the military in Lithuania suggests.

In the old days, fear of the leaders ruled our society. Now, people are becoming fearless and the leaders are full of fear. People know that we can't go back; a society can't be half democratic any more than a woman can be half pregnant. If Gorbachev can't finish the process he started, others will finish it without him.

In the meantime, the military hardliners are attempting their last hurrah. Desperate and scared, their aim is nothing less than survival. That is what they are fighting for—not for communism, not for perestroika, and not for Gorbachev.

EARTHWEEK: A DIARY OF THE PLANET

Oil Pollution

Shifting winds kept the massive Persian Gulf oil spill from spreading further southward as environmentalists warned that only one in 10 of the oily birds rescued from the area will survive. "The birds are weakened when they preen themselves and ingest large quantities of oil. That's the killer," said Jose Carrelo, chief of wildlife conservation for the Ontario region of Environment Canada, who is helping in the Gulf rescue effort.

Several people in western Iran became ill after eating fish caught in the oil-tainted waters of the northern Persian Gulf. The victims said the fish gave off an oily smell when being cooked. Meanwhile, the Iranian press reported that more black, greasy rains had fallen in western parts of the country, caused by fires at oil installations in Iraq and Kuwait. The rains polluted water supplies and farmlands, and a huge pall of smoke darkened the sky over Bandar-e Lengeh, on the northern rim of the Gulf.

In Britain, as many as 40,000 seabirds may have died in the Severn Estuary because of an oil spill. The 12-mile slick of heavy fuel was caused by a fractured pipe at British Steel's Llanwern plant in Wales.

The worst oil spill ever to affect Western Australia blackened 12 miles of pristine white beaches after the Japanese tanker Sanko Harvest hit a reef and sank off Esperance, 450 miles southeast of Perth. Rescue workers saved at least 20 rare New Zealand seal pups that were covered with oil. Other victims were kangaroos in the Lucky Bay area, where four were found dead with oil on their tails and paws.

Tropical Storms

9 Tropical cyclone Chris churned the northeast Indian Ocean between Australia and the Indonesian island of Java with sustained winds of 65 miles per hour.

Earthquakes

A moderate quake and several strong aftershocks knocked down houses, cracked roads, and caused landslides in China's Sichuan province.

In Greece, major damage was reported on the island of Zante from a tremor centered beneath the Ionian Sea. Earth movements were also felt in southern British Columbia, southern Alaska, around the Bering Sea, New Zealand's South Island, and the southern Philippines.

Wildfires

A raging brush fire swept through the Nairobi National Park, sending hundreds of wild animals running in panic, but causing no deaths.

High winds and low humidity in southwest Florida fanned 149 wildfires that blackened more than 10,000 acres, gutted a dozen buildings, and injured four people.

A 150,000-acre grassland fire, set by a group of children, raged out of control in western Argentina near the Chilean border.

Fire that destroyed more than 500 acres of rich teak and sandalwood forest in southern India also killed hundreds of deer and other animals.

Residents near the Muelhole Forest blame poachers for setting the blaze.

Winter

More than a month of sub-freezing temperatures in Berlin has driven rats from their frozen underground homes into the streets in search of food.

Residents of Kreuzberg, a neighborhood in the western part of the city that once faced the Berlin Wall, were advised not to feed birds to avoid attracting rats.

More than 100 rats massed in Kreuzberg park.

The same Siberian air mass that plunged much of Europe into a deep freeze brought snow to the Sahara for the first time in more than 30 years. The rare snow was seen in Africa from near the Moroccan border to the central high plains.

UFOs

Tass reported that the skies over Uzbekistan were teeming with flying saucers. Locals, who are said to have grown accustomed to the space invasion, suspect the aliens are after the region's vast gold deposits.

In the latest twist to the space mystery, newspapers *Vechery Taskont* and *Molodezh Uzbekistana* reported the visit by alien robots in the town of Daugytsiau, in central Kyrgyzstan.

Three local teenagers spotted what they described as "truncated pyramids, covered with metal scales."

They had what looked like wings on their sides, and made huge leaps, covering 4-5 yards. Tass said the report could have been the result of the boys' rich imagination, but Soviet UFO experts said they found powerful magnetic fields in places pointed out by the children.

Soviet democracy blocked by weakness

ASAHI NEWS SERVICE ▶

MOSCOW—Eduard Shevardnadze resigned as Soviet foreign minister in December after warning that dictatorship was coming to his country. Since then he has been in Moscow establishing a diplomatic research institute and has avoided contact with the Western media. In a rare interview Shevardnadze spoke to Weekly Asahi's correspondent Takayuki Umemura in Moscow.

UMEMURA: You warned that "dictatorship is coming" in your resignation speech. A dictatorship by Mikhail Gorbachev?

SHEVARDNADZE: No, I didn't mean that. In light of his personality, Gorbachev will never be able to become a dictator. I don't think he supports dictatorship, either.

But even he cannot ignore what is happening in the Soviet Union. He has to take into consideration the climate of the public and the feelings of certain classes. And the developments are now working against the reformers. Thus Gorbachev is facing various problems.

UMEMURA: It is said that you resigned because you had known the plan to intervene in Lithuania by force and didn't want to take part in the crackdown. Is that true?

SHEVARDNADZE: I don't want anybody to link my resignation with an isolated incident or fact. I want people to pay attention to a more important issue—the overall situation, such as the revival of reactionary forces and the movement against perestroika. I could not let it happen unchecked. I still believe that my action and judgment were correct.

UMEMURA: Don't most Soviets want a replacement for Gorbachev?

SHEVARDNADZE: I don't think so. As a matter of record, Gorbachev has made historically notable achievements. His success doesn't belong to the past, but it leads to the present and then to the future. Based on this success, he can accomplish wonderful things in the future too.

UMEMURA: Has Soviet diplomacy toward the West changed since your resignation?

SHEVARDNADZE: If the reactionary forces in the Soviet Union become stronger the country will not be able to continue the kind of diplomacy I once led toward the West. It is impossible for a country to be reactionary at home and progressive internationally at the same time.

So in the field of diplomacy, there emerges an extremely dangerous situation. Soviet diplomacy in the future depends on how well the country manages to improve its domestic situation. If the West wants a democratic Soviet Union they should proceed with more exchanges with the Soviet Union. An isolated Soviet Union would post a great danger.

UMEMURA: What do you think of the Persian Gulf war?

SHEVARDNADZE: [The war] should be justified as long as it is conducted within the framework of the U.N. resolutions. The principle objective is to implement the U.N. resolutions completely.

UMEMURA: Did your resignation help the democratic forces to unite?

SHEVARDNADZE: I hope so. I think it gave an impetus to them. Or at least it rang a bell—a bell of warning...

UMEMURA: While in Moscow people have told me that Gorbachev has reached the limitations of his ability as a political leader. Has he?

SHEVARDNADZE: I don't see his limitations. It doesn't reflect the truth. And you will understand what I mean if you follow developments from now on. Anyhow, the situation here is too complicated. Any political leader occasionally has to do some politicking. But when Gorbachev is about to do it, he is being frustrated by the weakness of the political camp.

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UMEMURA: Do you think the West's Christian center-right, Democratic Action a western social-democratic party. There is also a Peasant Party.

The temptation is to say that these fledglings cannot be lined up from left to right. That is only partly true.

There are issues that cut across the economic quarrel between have-nots and have-nots. These include church and state, nationalism and civil rights—the contest between toleration and tradition.

Though most politicians agree that a market economy is the goal, there is disagreement over how far to stretch or confine the pain, and over how generous a safety net to have.

These would be recognized at once by West European socialists and conservatives or by American Republicans and Democrats. The old "left-right" labels, besides, are local currency: Klaus' supporters call their opponents Civic Forum "leftists." They, in turn, call Klaus' people "free-market skinheads."

In Romania the National Salvation Front survives. This movement of former or reform communists, officers, and dissidents held Romania together as Ceausescu fell. It won a general election last year. Its candidate, Ion Iliescu, was chosen president. But the front itself is now a shadow. Almost nobody is paying attention to a much-postponed meeting that was due in Bucharest in mid-February to decide on its future.

Breakup of parties may cause pain; no regret

THE ECONOMIST ▶

Civic forum, the movement that ran Czechoslovakia's anti-communist revolution, is breaking up.

Its leaders agreed in Prague on Feb. 13 that their differences were too big to bridge. A center-right party is forming under Vaclav Klaus, the finance minister.

His opponents call themselves Liberals, in the American sense. Treacherous as these labels are, the Czech Liberals are close to left-wing Democrats or European social democrats. The two wings have agreed to work together in government until the next election.

Though the break-up will in the end cause few regrets, it has not happened without resistance or pain for those involved.

There were powerful arguments for keeping Civic Forum together. Democracy in Czechoslovakia is young; a constitution must be written, the economy reformed, separatist pressures eased.

This daunting list leaves little time for party squabbles. How much better to hang on to the Forum, which for all its divisions and rivalries did express a precious moment of national unity.

Yet revolutions devour their children. Czechoslovakia, like the other countries of Eastern Europe, must move on.

Broad movements such as Czechoslovakia's Civic Forum, Poland's

Solidarnosc, and maybe also Romania's National Salvation Front and Bulgaria's Union of Democratic Forces, have done their work. As long as these movements last, durable parties cannot form and breathe. And until that happens, Eastern Europe will be stuck somewhere between the heroic and the workaday stage of democracy.

In the heroic stage, direct democracy had a lot of appeal, both in its economic guise (union power and worker management) and in its political variant ("Empower the grassroots"). It was strongest with those who had upended communism from below: Poland's shipyard workers, Czechoslovakia's dissident writers and actors, East Germany's church and peace campaigners, Bulgaria's green protesters, Romania's angry crowds. But direct democracy may not be right for a complex society.

Brave as these groups were, they had more power to destroy than to build. None of them on their own looked like future governments. Few had marketable ideas of how a modern democracy should work.

Power was with the powerless, in Vaclav Havel's phrase, for the time is a smile. It soon passed to popular national leaders and technocrats working under umbrella movements.

Lech Walesa, Poland's president, is different in background and style from Czechoslovakia's Havel. Walesa, an ex-electrician, enjoys the bully-pulpit. Havel, a middle-class author,

speaks with a quieter voice. But their personal prestige makes them both far more than figureheads presidents. And both have under them governments of technocrats.

There is a risk of a democratic deficit without strong parliaments, and for that there needs to be well-organized parties to offer voters clear choices.

East Europeans have good reason to be suspicious of parties.

Except perhaps in Czechoslovakia, Eastern Europe's experience with party democracy between the wars was bad. Party competition was readily taken to mean weak government, the answer for which was a strongman.

Since 1945, or just after, communism's monopoly of power further undermined faith in party organization.

Most so-called "historic" parties have pasts to live down for being too close to fascists or to communists.

The few that were not are often led by carpet-baggers or pensioners. It is not surprising they did so badly in last year's elections.

AROUND CAMPUS

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1991

Club role-plays UN delegates

St. Louis conference winds up Saturday

BY KAYLEA HUTSON
CAMPUS EDITOR

Members of the Model United Nations Club are getting the chance to experience the real workings of the United Nations this week.

Nineteen students left yesterday for the Midwest Model United Nations held this year in St. Louis. The conference ends Saturday.

"In this simulation, students from colleges and universities throughout this region form delegations," said Dr. Paul Teverow, faculty adviser, "in which they role-play as delegates from various UN states."

Teverow said Southern students will participate in the conference as delegates from Japan and Turkey.

"Their function will be when issues of global importance are debated, to represent not what their own views would be as Americans, but what their views as Japanese or Turks would be," he said.

According to Teverow, a variety of world issues will be up for discussion at the conference, which calls for the attending delegates to pass resolutions calling for the UN to find solutions to world problems.

He said some of the world issues will include finding a solution to the Middle East problem and deciding how to effectively use assets confiscated from illegal drug traffickers.

"Most of the formal business of these meetings is debating, amending, and voting on these resolutions until a resolution is adopted on that topic that represents the interest of the majority," said Teverow.

Besides representing their individual countries during the General Assembly, delegates will have the opportunity to participate on four different committees: political & security, special political, economic &

finance, and social & humanitarian.

According to Teverow, the delegates spend the first two days at the conference debating in the individual committee groups to develop a general resolution. These resolutions are taken to the General Assembly to be voted on by every delegate in a plenary session.

Teverow believes the knowledge students gain from the conference works with the international emphasis at Southern.

"I think they gain an greater awareness of the international relations of current events of the world around them," he said. "Maybe their goal when they get into this isn't to acquire that knowledge, but when you have to prepare to speak and debate about things like the Middle East issue or world currency rates, you can't help but learn a lot about

international relations."

According to Karen Taylor, senior history major, delegates return to Southern with more knowledge of world events.

"You learn more about world events and the practical side of world events than you would learn in a class," said Taylor, third-year delegate, "because you have to be there working out the problems with people who don't share your point of view. You really have to understand the problem to do that."

This year's group from Southern will include a member of the international press delegation, T.R. Hanrahan, associate editor of *The Chart*, will attend the conference as a delegate from Japan and write news articles for the *UN News and World Report*.

Model United Nations Delegations

JAPAN DELEGATION

Name
Stephen Hann
Karen Taylor
Robert Wheeler
Donna Walker
T.R. Hanrahan
Geraldine Goulding
Lee Hunt
David Roggensees
Bonnie Harmon
Dan Baker
Theresa Bishop
Jana Sharp

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Head Delegate/Special Political
Economics & Finance
ECOSOC Commissions
International Press Delegate
Political & Security
ECOSOC Plenary
Social Humanitarian
Social Humanitarian
Economic & Finance
Political & Security
ECOSOC Commissions

TURKEY DELEGATION

Julie Jones
Pat Creech
Kenny Neuberger
Shah Rukh Rais
Brett Cummings
Eric Cummings
Aitza Pereira

Special Political
Economics & Finance
Head Delegate/Special Political
Economic & Finance
Social Humanitarian
Political & Security
Political & Security

OPEN UP AND SAY AHH



CHRIS COOK/The Chart

Dr. Donald Patterson examines Merilee Cook Monday night during his regular visit to the campus. Irma Hartley, the College nurse, has treated 251 cases, mainly upper-respiratory illnesses, since January.

Flu vaccine not for everyone

BY KAYLEA HUTSON
CAMPUS EDITOR

With the flu season only now affecting students, the campus nurse has been keeping busy treating a variety of illnesses.

"With upper-respiratory infections," said Irma Hartley, "which would include earaches, sore throat, bronchitis, we've seen 251 cases."

Hartley said she was surprised to learn, with the large number of upper-respiratory illnesses, that most cases were not actually the flu.

"Dr. [Donald] Patterson (campus doctor) informed me this week that it looked like the flu season was just beginning to hit this area," she said.

"He has not diagnosed many of the upper-respiratory infections as flu; we have seen maybe a half a dozen to a dozen with what he thought were flu."

According to Hartley, attempts were made to cut down on the number of flu cases this semester.

"Some of our students have had flu vaccines which will hopefully cut our influenza rate down," she said. "Some of our faculty and staff also took advantage of the flu vaccine that was offered to them."

Hartley said that while the flu vaccine is offered at cost to faculty and staff, it is free to a "select" group of students.

"It's given free to a select group of students; for instance, the ones in

nursing where in their clinical areas they are more apt to contract flu in the hospital," she said. "[It] is offered to the basketball players, who are in the peak of their season during flu season, and it is offered to other athletes as well."

But for students who do not fall into those categories, the vaccine is available to them at cost on a limited basis.

"If I knew ahead of time how much to order I could offer it to them (other students) at cost," Hartley said, "which in the past has run around \$2 to \$3, but so many of the students will stroll in after I've made my order out. The vaccine is very limited."

Upcoming Events

TODAY

SUNDAY

WEDNESDAY

FRIDAY

Feb. 28

Koinonia: 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Basement of Apt. B
LDSSA: Noon, Rm. 306, BSC
Art League: Noon, Rm. 305A, Spiva Art Center
College Republicans: 12:15 p.m.-1 p.m., Rm. 311, BSC
Workshop: "Building Your Professional Image," 12:30 p.m.-1:30 p.m., Rm. 313, BSC
Baseball: 1 p.m., at Central State University, Edmond, Okla.
Operation Desert Storm Support Group: 1:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m., Rm. 312, BSC
Crossroads: 3 p.m., in Communications office
Alpha Chi: 3 p.m.-5 p.m., Rm. 306, BSC
BSU: 5:30 p.m., at Baptist Student Union
Kappa Alpha: 6 p.m., Rm. 311, BSC
"Mr. 10" Competition: 7:30 p.m., Connor Ballroom, BSC

TOMORROW

March 1

Mo. State High School Association Speech (MSHSA) Contest: noon-10 p.m., Third Floor BSC

SATURDAY

March 2

MSHSA district speech tournament: 7 a.m.-5 p.m., Connor Ballroom, BSC
NODA lip sync contest: Keystone room, BSC, TBA
Rugby: 4 p.m., at Kansas City Colts
Baseball: at Washburn Invitational, TBA
Lion Basketball: 7:30 p.m., vs. Washburn University, Young Gymnasium

March 3

NODA convention: TBA, third floor BSC
Lambda Beta Phi: 6 p.m., Rm. 306, BSC
Wesley Foundation: 7 p.m., Food, fun, and fellowship, at Newman Road United Methodist Church
Fellowship Of Christian Athletes: 8:30 p.m., Basement of Apt. B

MONDAY

LDSSA: 8 a.m., Rm. 314, BSC
Blood Drive: 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Keystone Room, BSC
ECM: Noon, Rm. 311, BSC
Athletic Luncheon: Noon, Rm. 310, BSC
Workshop for Undeclared Majors: 1 p.m.-2 p.m., and 6 p.m.-7 p.m., Rm. 306, BSC
Faculty Senate: 3 p.m., Rm. 313, BSC
Greek Council: 4 p.m., Rm. 311, BSC
Sigma Nu: 5 p.m., Rm. 313, BSC

TUESDAY

BSU: 11 a.m., Rm. 311, BSC
LDSSA: Noon, Rm. 314, BSC
Newman Club: Noon, Rm. 311, BSC
Phi Beta Lambda: 12:20 p.m., Rm. 102, Matthews Hall
Workshop: "Minding Your Manners," 12:30 p.m.-1:30 p.m., Rm. 313, BSC
International Club: 3 p.m., Rm. 313, BSC
Koinonia: 7 p.m., College Heights Christian Church
CAB Concert: "Riders in the Sky" 7 p.m., Taylor Auditorium. Free admission

March 6

LDSSA: 8 a.m., Rm. 314, BSC
Lambda Alpha Epsilon/Criminal Justice Opportunity Day: 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Keystone Room, BSC
Interviews: Dillard's Data Processing Department. Contact placement office for more information.
BSU: Noon, Rm. 311, BSC
Baseball: 2 p.m., at University of Kansas
CAB: 3 p.m., Rm. 310, BSC
MSSC Cycling Club: 2 p.m., Rm. TBA, BSC
Student Senate: 5:30 p.m., Rm. 310, BSC
Wesley Foundation: 8:30 p.m., at Newman Road United Methodist Church

THURSDAY

Lecture: 7:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m., "Listening to Old Soldiers," Mathews Hall auditorium
Koinonia: 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Basement of Apt. B
Interviews: Northwest Financial Mo., Inc. TBA
LDSSA: Noon, Rm. 306, BSC
Art League: Noon, Rm. 305A, Spiva Art Center
Workshop: "Back To Work-Re-Entering the Workforce," 12:30 p.m.-1:30 p.m., Rm. 313, BSC
Social Science Club: 2:30 p.m., Rm. 103, Mansion
Crossroads: 3 p.m., in Communications office
Fine Arts Committee meeting: 3:30 p.m., Rm. 311, BSC
BSU: 5:30 p.m., at Baptist Student Union
Kappa Alpha: 6 p.m., Rm. 313, BSC

March 8

District History Day: 7:30 a.m.-5 p.m., third floor BSC and Mathews Hall auditorium
AA meeting: 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Rm. 203, Mathews Hall

SATURDAY

District History Day: 7:30 a.m.-5 p.m., third floor BSC, and Mathews Hall auditorium

SUNDAY

March 10
Baseball: Noon, vs. SIU-Edwardsville, Joe Becker Stadium
Lambda Beta Phi: 6 p.m., Rm. 306, BSC
Wesley Foundation: 7 p.m., Food, fun, and fellowship, at Newman Road United Methodist Church
Fellowship of Christian Athletes: 8:30 p.m., Basement of Apt. B

MONDAY

March 11
LDSSA: 8 a.m., Rm. 314, BSC
ECM: Noon, Rm. 311, BSC
Academic Policies Committee: 3 p.m., Rm. 306, BSC
Greek Council: 4 p.m., Rm. 311, BSC
Sigma Nu: 5 p.m., Rm. 313, BSC
CAB Movie: 7 p.m., and 9:30 p.m., second-floor lounge, BSC
Kappa Alpha: 6 p.m., Rm. 313, BSC

Leaders convention begins this weekend

Southern set to host NODA members

BY P.J. GRAHAM
STAFF WRITER

NODA Clicks on Route 66 will be heading on the road to Joplin this weekend.

The National Orientation Directors Association will hold its 1991 Region IV conference tomorrow through Sunday at the Joplin Holiday Inn. The purpose of the conference is to present new ideas and information concerning orientation.

"We hope to entertain and educate at the same time," said Lori LeBahn, coordinator of College Orientation at Missouri Southern. "We beg, borrow, and steal from other schools and learn from their failures and successes."

This year's theme, "NODA Clicks on Route 66," was taken from Joplin's closeness to the nostalgic Highway 66.

"It's really a great organization," said LeBahn, current state coordinator. "The people are very supportive and are excited about their profession."

This year will be the first time Southern has hosted the conference. LeBahn said it reflects well on the College.

"Needless to say, Missouri Southern State College ranks nationally as one of the most innovative and sophisticated orientation programs," she said, "and by serving as host of the NODA Region IV conference, we continue to be viewed as a fore-

runner in orientation development."

More than 140 people will attend this year, which LeBahn says will set a new conference attendance record for Region IV (Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, and Texas).

Besides LeBahn, seven others from Southern who make up her planning committee will go to the conference.

"My students have been my life-saver," she said.

Although the conference will be held at the Holiday Inn, some activities will be on Southern's campus. These include a tour of the College and a lip-syncing contest.

A trip to the Precious Moments Chapel, a meeting group party, and a luncheon featuring Southern Exposure, a campus singing group, are among some of the activities on tap.

"We want people to leave Joplin and remember Missouri Southern as being a gracious host," said LeBahn.

There also will be 24 different informative programs, ranging from "The Power of Positive Ethics" to "A Commitment to Cultural Diversity," presented by students and professionals during the three days. There will be five programs for each time slot.

LeBahn believes the conference will help students and professionals more than just educationally.

"The network that they create by meeting students and professionals who are also interested in orientation will provide them resources which will be helpful," she said.

Honor circle to induct 120 freshmen, Joyner

Missouri Southern's chapter of Phi Eta Sigma, the national freshman honor society, will hold its yearly induction banquet next week.

The banquet and ceremony will be held at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Joplin Holiday Inn, where 120 students will be inducted along with Dr. Rosanne Joyner, assistant professor of education.

Joyner said being inducted as a honorary member is a "tremendous honor and a real surprise."

The ceremony will have two guest speakers. Joyner will speak on her experiences with Phi Eta Sigma, and Gordon Smith, coordinator of Joplin's Adult Basic Education program.

will talk about tutoring efforts by Phi Eta Sigma members in conjunction with the ABE program.

Members of Southern's chapter of Phi Eta Sigma are involved with tutoring people who are receiving instruction under the ABE, a governmental program designed to help people acquire basic education.

The winner of the \$200 scholarship awarded annually by Phi Eta Sigma will also be announced during the banquet.

To be eligible, freshman inductees must have a 3.5 grade-point average or better in either of their first two semesters of college. Once inducted, a person is a lifetime member.

Debate takes five at state tourney

Squad victorious with small numbers

BY PHYLLIS PERRY
EDITORIAL PAGE EDITOR

Stiff competition and a small squad did not prevent the Missouri Southern debate team from returning home from Bolivar, Mo., with five trophies last weekend.

Before leaving for the state tournament sponsored annually by the Sigma Chapter of Kappa Delta, a debate organization, Southern debate coach Dave Delaney was concerned about the size of his squad.

"We had the cards stacked against us," said Delaney, citing he would have liked to have had another Lincoln-Douglas debater and an additional cross-examination team in the competition in order to win more sweepstakes points.

Despite the size of the squad, Southern managed to take the Missouri Association for Forensic Activities (MAFA) third-place trophy in the sweepstakes, in addition to the placing in several individual team members.

Terry Howerton, a first-year debater, took sixth place in two individual events: impromptu speaking and extemporaneous speaking.

A fifth-place trophy went to political science major and second-year debater Alicia Ward. She placed in argumentation analysis.

The highest placing for Southern occurred when Jim Evans, history major and third-year debater, took

second in after-dinner speaking.

Although not taking a trophy, freshman Starri Wood won three of six Lincoln-Douglas rounds. Wood plans to go to the national tournament March 20-23 in Eatontown, N.J.

"The team thinks she is the most improved," Delaney said.

According to team member and history major Paul Hood, "This was an open tournament, meaning that she was doing Lincoln-Douglas, and she was doing it against people who were novices...and experienced people. She ended up doing pretty well."

Wood said the state tournament gives her more confidence for the national tournament, where she plans to participate in Lincoln-Douglas debate and informative speech.

In cross-examination debate, the team of Hood and Evans went to elimination rounds but lost to Northeast Missouri State. According to Hood, "The judges there were interested in persuasive speaking, pretty talk, and we didn't do enough of that kind of pretty talk."

He said flowery talk rather than evidence and logical arguments would have given the team a better chance.

"It sounds kind of ironic that that would hurt you, but that did for us," Hood said.

"It's pretty much stiff competition," said Evans after a round with St. Louis University. "I say we have

SPEAKING HIS MIND



PHYLLIS PERRY/The Chart

Jim Evans, sophomore history major, is cross-examined by St. Louis University's Benica Baker during Saturday's debate tournament.

some of the best debaters in the nation here in Missouri."

Evans said the tournament ran smoother than many and that the hosts put a lot of pressure on themselves to keep the events running on time.

Many of the judges were lawyers and alumni of SBU. Alan Reynolds, a Kansas City attorney and former debater, returned to his alma mater to help in the state tournament.

After judging a CEDA (cross-examination) debate between Southern's Hood-Evans and a team from St. Louis University, Reynolds said he thought the Southern team did a nice job.

"My experience has been in the past with MSSC teams that they're very talented, skilled speakers, and also very polite and nice people to work with," he said.

"I thought they (Hood and Evans) did a fine job and were very talented speakers."

According to Delaney, he has received invitations to compete in tournaments at both Princeton and Yale. Although he lacks time to prepare for the Princeton tournament, Delaney would like to accept the invitation to the Yale tournament on April 11, but the invitation was unexpected and not planned for in this year's budget.

Music groups journey to Joplin

'Winger' and Ricky Van Shelton to perform at Memorial Hall

An appetite for music, whether country or rock-n-roll, can be satisfied by two groups on their way to Joplin for concerts.

Winger, with special guests **Extreme** and **Tangler**, is set to play at 8 p.m. Saturday, March 9, in Memorial Hall.

Winger, which formed in October 1987, is named for lead singer/bassist Kip Winger. It also has lead guitarist/vocalist Reb Beach; Paul Taylor on guitar, keyboards, and vocals; and drummer Rod Morgenstein.

During the three years since its inception, the band found success with two albums and several Top 40 singles including "Headed for a Heartbreak," "Hungry," and "Can't Get Enough."

According to Kip Winger, the group's latest album, *In the Heart of the Young*, does include songs

about relationships, but the band's concern with the destiny of the planet is felt throughout, especially in "In the Day We'll Never See," which addresses the destruction of the world's natural resources.

"We do believe in a future which will be forged by the young at heart," Winger said.

For Joplin's country music lovers, KIX94-FM presents Ricky Van Shelton with special guest Aaron Tippin on Sunday in two shows at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. in Memorial Hall.

Van Shelton's first album, *Wild-Eyed Dream*, spawned five hits, including three straight number ones, as well as going platinum, a rare feat for a debut country album.

Now on his third album, featuring singles "Love Is Burnin'" and "I Meant Every Word He Said," Van Shelton has gained popularity with time.

"The older generation who loved those old songs and made them hits never get to hear them anymore," he said, "so I do them for them." He also does them for the 18-year-olds who have never heard these songs."

Van Shelton's guest performer, Aaron Tippin, is a new face on the country music scene.

His first single, "You've Got to Stand for Something," made its CD debut in January.

Tickets for **Winger** are on sale for \$15.50 at Memorial Hall, Soundwave, Williamson's Music in Joplin and Pittsburg, Miami Butane in Miami, Okla., and the Missouri Southern ticket office.

Tickets also may be charged by calling 417-882-5333. Tickets for **Ricky Van Shelton** and **Aaron Tippin** are \$17.50, and information may be gained by calling 623-1800.

'Riders' set to perform

The western trio **Riders in the Sky** will perform at 7 p.m. Tuesday in Taylor Auditorium in a free concert sponsored by the Campus Activities Board.

The group, consisting of Ranger Doug, Woody Paul, and Too Slim, has been introducing romantic Western music to millions of new fans.

According to Val Carlisle, coordinator of student activities, their three-part harmony, traditional acoustic instrumentation, and multi-level humor is now heard around the world through their public radio show, "Riders Radio Theatre."

Pam Chong, junior communications major and coordinator of the concert, said although the **Riders** were not her first choice, she is excited about the performance.

"I was looking for a Broadway play at first," Chong said. "Then the **Riders**' name came up. We've had them before two or three years ago."

"They've got to be really good to dress the way they do," she said.

The **Riders** began their career in 1977 in Nashville. Combining comedy with music, they grew into a nationally known act without the help of a major record deal.



Riders In the Sky

They are regular members of the Grand Ole Opry and have appeared with Jessica Lange in the 1985 film biography of Patsy Cline, *Sweet Dreams* and with Kenny Rogers in the TV movie *Wild Horses*.

Having made several albums with smaller labels early in their career, the **Riders** made their first album with MCA in 1987 with *The Cowboy Way*. This was the first album of Western music to be released on a major label in 20 years and also the first Western album ever to be re-

corded digitally. The group has recorded three albums with MCA since that time: *Riders Radio Theatre*, *Riders Go Commercial*, and *Horse Opera*.

The **Riders** have been featured in *People Magazine*, *Country Music magazine*, and *USA Today* in 1990. They served as the spokespersons for the Tennessee Special Olympics and worked with the National Parks Service on environmental and related issues.

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Low ticket sales cancel acrobats

BY DYANA PERKINS
STAFF WRITER

An acrobatic revue—a circus using the top acrobats in the Soviet Union—should be a big seller in the four-state area, according to organizer Tom Green.

However, the Soviet Acrobatic Revue, scheduled to perform in Taylor Auditorium Monday, March 4, was officially cancelled due to extremely low ticket sales.

Green, theatre instructor at Northeastern Oklahoma A&M in Miami, served as coordinator for the event. He attributed local apathy as well as world events to the cancellation.

"I think that events around the world, the Gulf war, and the excess amount of cultural events happening in this area hurt our sales," Green said.

The Soviet Acrobats, Green said, are one of the best acrobatic/circus acts in the world.

"They are considered to be the top performers in Russia," he said. "It's hard to understand why such an event didn't attract the citizens."

Green said another possible reason for the lack of public interest could be the over-saturation of cultural events in the area.

"This area is not big enough for the amount of events that have been coming through," he said. "You can only have so many events without overextending yourself."

Initial contract negotiations with

the acrobats began in June, Green said, and the March 1991 date was scheduled shortly thereafter.

"We began publicizing the event in February," Green said. "Two weeks ago there were only about \$800 worth of tickets sold. At that time we realized that, unless there was an incredibly big push, we weren't going to make it."

With only some 200 seats sold and a \$10,000 fee for bringing the Soviet Acrobats to Joplin looming ahead, Green said, "I'm stomping it out now before it bleeds too much."

The idea of bringing the Russian revue to the four-state area was that of Theatrics Children's Theatre Company, a three-year-old organization that focuses its dramatic efforts toward the needy.

Green, president of Theatrics' board of directors, said, "Our primary goal is to bring cultural events into pockets of society that are presently not available. But the cost of initially setting up such an organization is astounding."

"In order to raise the necessary funds," Green said, "we decided to hold cultural events like the acrobatic revue, write grants [for state funding], and ask for individual donations. Unfortunately, we've lost money on this project."

"We would have had to have paid well over what we received in ticket sales in order to have kept this event on."

'Snow White' running smoothly

BY LISA WEIST
STAFF WRITER

Around 7,000 people already have seen *Snow White and Rose Red*, the original children's show written by senior theatre major Todd Webber.

According to Duane Hunt, assistant director of theatre, the performance in Taylor Auditorium has had few problems and has been running "pretty flawless."

In addition, he is pleased with the audience's reception of the play, especially the younger generation, who the play is geared toward.

"The children seem to just love the characters," Hunt said.

He said the play not only offers children a good time, but it also can be entertaining to adult audiences.

"I was interested in listening to

adult reactions; they get a kick out of the play," Hunt said.

He believes the play is appealing to adults because it has "lots of satire and parodies on children shows that adults catch."

Actor Diane Hampton, senior political science major, enjoyed being able to create her character, Elinrich the elf, and has been pleased with the reactions from the play.

Snow White, played by senior theatre major Beth Ames, said the play has offered her experiences that she has never had before while participating in plays performed at Missouri Southern.

"I have never been in a children's show before, and I have found the performances to be a lot of fun," she said.

Another cast member, junior theatre major Georgina Small, has been

happy not only with audience response, but also with the experience she gained in working from a new script.

"It is really exciting doing a new original script, because you realize you are the first person to play this character."

Small is especially pleased with the response she receives from the children in the audience.

"The kids give you so much feedback with what works and what doesn't," she said.

Ticket sales for the performances have been going well, according to Hunt.

"They are not selling like hotcakes, but they're going fast."

Performances will begin at 2:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday in Taylor Auditorium. The cost is \$1 for adults and 50 cents for children.

Coming Attractions

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"Down from the Attic": Antique Show; Tomorrow thru Sunday; Promenade Mall; 918-627-9282

Kansas City

Daryl Hall and John Oates

District cuts budget

BY JOHN FORD
STAFF WRITER

The city of Joplin is not the only body looking to make drastic cuts in its budget—the R-8 school district is tightening its belt as well.

Currently, \$1.39 million has been slashed from the board's budget because of reduced federal aid. Additionally, more than \$2.6 million in cuts is slated to occur if a proposed 62-cent tax levy increase does not pass June 4.

"The Joplin school board has been in a deficit financially since 1980," said Dr. Jack Israel, superintendent of schools. "Basically, in any given year, we spent more than we got."

Israel attributed the deficit to a decrease in federal aid and a slowdown in sales tax revenues. Additionally, he said there were several hundred school districts nationwide undergoing cuts in their budgets.

The school board conducted a public hearing Tuesday night at Irving Elementary School to get feedback on the cuts.

The reductions will take place over a three-year period, according to Israel. During the first year, a salary freeze will go into effect, saving \$291,000.

Additional cuts include the elimination of library aides and secretaries, \$100,000; the copy center, \$100,000; two school principal positions, one elementary, the other secondary, \$65,000; Duquesne School,

BY KATY HURN
STAFF WRITER

Hoping to inform the public about archaeology and its future, area scholars held a meeting for interested persons Saturday in Matthews Hall auditorium.

Dr. David Benn, a research archaeologist at Southwest Missouri State University, presented a lecture and slides. He discussed what can be learned about prehistoric peoples by excavating sites, focusing on recent research he conducted concerning rock shelter and cave sites in southwest Missouri.

"Rock shelters and cave sites are being threatened by a high rate of modern vandalism," Benn said. "The sites are being ripped out faster than anyone can look at them or even

preserve them."

For the past two years, the Center of Archaeological Research at SMSU has been evaluating these sites. With funding from the Historic Preservation Office and U.S. Forest Service, Benn studied areas south of Springfield in Stone, Taney, and Douglas counties. Based on his findings, Benn said there is a very high rate of site destruction.

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Joplin set to reduce programs

BY KATY HURN
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A proposal requiring Joplin residents to pay a \$7 wastewater treatment fee each month could have a significant impact if not passed.

According to Leonard Martin, Joplin city manager, cutbacks will take effect May 1 if more funds cannot be generated.

"We've been thinking about the problem for over four years and have tried to do everything we can to forestall the need to implement a fee," he said. "But it's finally run its course, and there's just not enough belt-tightening that can take place now to avoid it."

If the proposal passes on April 2, each household in Joplin will pay the \$7 fee. According to Martin, much of the financial trouble is due to the city footing the bill for trash pick-up and wastewater treatment. Although citizens are now paying a monthly fee for trash pick-up, Joplin still is one of the few cities that has no charge for wastewater treatment.

"If you live in any community around Joplin you pay for that service," Martin said. "Joplin is the only area community that does not and has not always charged for that service."

Sales tax revenue, down 2½ percent from last year, also has contributed to the problem.

"We have tried to live off a sales tax," Martin said. "We have the lowest property tax of any comparable size city in the state of Missouri. You can only milk that sales tax for so long, and it just hasn't kept up with the demands for services."

Although Martin said there is much community support for the proposal, city officials have outlined cutbacks should it fail. The agenda includes eliminating two police detectives, the community relations and crime prevention program, a fire safety inspector position, and a health department position.

Residents also could witness the closing of the Joplin Public Library two mornings a week, the closing of two swimming pools, and the elimination of school crossing guards.

"It really comes down to a quality of life issue and what kind of community a person wants to live in," said Martin. "I think we're trying to focus on the fact that a community needs to maintain and improve."

Vandalism threatens cave sites

STATING HIS CASE



Former educator and local business owner Mike Higginson gives his point of view at Tuesday's session of the Joplin R-8 School Board.

\$58,000; all conventions, travel, and dues to professional organizations, \$57,000; two school nurse positions, \$44,000; two craftsman positions in the building and grounds department, \$42,000; the personnel director position, \$41,000; travel, \$35,000; attendance officer, \$21,000; and the sick leave pool, \$13,200.

A contingent of teachers, concerned parents, and students from Duquesne Elementary were in attendance Tuesday night to voice objections to the possible closing.

"If the school closed, it would determine the quality of education not only for our students but for the schools who would have to absorb the extra load," said LeaAnn Doss,

who attended the meeting in support of keeping the school open.

Kevin Lampe, assistant professor of physical education at Missouri Southern, attended the session and asked the board members about a reduction in the LOGIC program offered to his child.

"We need to go out and support this doggone levy," Lampe said. "Everybody has to take in the budget cut."

LOGIC is a gifted-students program. Children are given an IQ test for entry.

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Lawmakers try to iron out formula flaws

BY STEPHEN MOORE
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Several Senate and House actions currently are working their way through the legislative process in an attempt to repair what many education officials call a flawed funding formula.

According to Dr. Terry Stewart, assistant commissioner for administration with the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE), there are three basic problems with the present formula.

The first, Stewart said, is that the formula is not responsive to change. He said if a school district's enrollment grows or declines quickly in a short period of time, it may take several years for the formula to begin

funding the district at the appropriate level.

The second problem is that the formula is "drastically underfunded," Stewart said less than half of the formula currently is funded statewide.

The third problem deals with inequity. Stewart said although the formula is experiencing financial problems, some districts are receiving as much as 100 percent of their recommended amount while others are receiving as little as 30 percent.

"Districts will never ever get what they are entitled to receive under the current formula with things going the way they are," Stewart said.

Another avenue which may bring about change to the formula is the court system. Two suits brought by Missouri school districts have been joined into one and are awaiting a

trial date.

The first case deals with the problem of underfunding while the second deals with an aspect of the formula known as "prior year constraint."

This provision in the formula ties the school districts to a set amount per student each year. Stewart said this makes it difficult for the amount to change from year to year.

A committee was formed by DESE in 1986 to study the formula. The nine-month study yielded 18 recommendations for improving the formula.

With these recommendations, the committee developed a new formula.

This new formula, which Stewart said is more flexible and responsive to change, has been submitted to the Missouri House as House Bill 372, sponsored by Rep. Annette Morgan

(D-Kansas City), chair of the House elementary and secondary education committee, and Rep. Richard Franklin (D-Independence), vice chair of the committee. This bill has passed out of committee and is awaiting debate on the House floor.

House Bill 480, currently in the House ways and means committee, would provide the needed funding for the formula through a change in state income tax deductions.

The Senate is working on measures which would repair the current formula rather than develop a new one. According to Sen. Harold Caskey (D-Butler), chair of the Senate education committee, the Senate proposal is working "to build equity and fairness in to the old formula."

He said, however, that whatever the solution, the problem needs to be

solved before the inequities become more pronounced.

"It doesn't get less complicated," Casky said. "In fact, it gets more complicated the longer it goes on."

Stewart said he is optimistic the problems with the formula will be corrected during this legislative session.

"It's going to change," Stewart said. "I think it will change either by legislative action or by court action, but it will change."

Although Stewart said he believed the new formula, currently in the House, would alleviate the problems, he also supports the work of the Senate.

"Everyone who's looking at it, I think, they're making improvements in it," he said. "I think it will change for the better."

Higher Education Briefs

UMKC studies elimination of first two years

► A long-range planning committee at the University of Missouri-Kansas City is beginning to study the idea of the school becoming a "senior institution."

The plan would eliminate all freshman and sophomore courses, enabling the university to save considerable money. Local community colleges could offer the first two years of college instruction.

Fewer than 10 colleges in the nation are upper-division institutions. A lack of continuity and the problems with sports programs are the greatest complaints about such universities.

"All we're trying to do is get people to think about that," said UMKC Chancellor George Russell. "There is no grandiose plan."

UMR chancellor finalist for post

► Martin Jischke, chancellor at the University of Missouri-Rolla, is one of seven finalists for the presidency at Iowa State University.

"His experience of moving through the administrative ranks at Oklahoma and Rolla was a definite plus," said the chairman of the ISU search committee. "His vision of a broader area of higher education was attractive to us."

Jischke, UMR chancellor since 1985, was dean of the engineering school at UMR. ISU formed a search committee in July after president Gordon Eaton left to become director of the geophysics lab at Columbia University.

SMSU to offer psychology M.S.

► Southwest Missouri State University may begin offering a master's degree in psychology by the fall of 1991.

The new program, designed to meet a need for trained psychologists in the area, will limit enrollment to about 30 students. The degree will require 47 credit hours, including 11 core graduate hours. Students may choose to pursue industrial/organizational, clinical, or general psychology.

The SMSU psychology department now consists of 26 faculty members and nearly 750 undergraduate majors.

SEMO looks at pedestrian safety

► Southeast Missouri State University could become primarily a pedestrian campus as student safety becomes more of a concern.

"Our goal is that students will be able to walk across campus without being threatened by an automobile," said Robert Foster, executive vice president. "Also, we want to replace parking lots with outdoor viewing spots, such as scenic areas for students to sit and study or visit."

Under one plan, much of the interior parking on campus would be eliminated.

Several parking lots would be added at the edge of the campus. Already, on-street parking on Normal Street in front of Kent Library has been restricted.

College cancels trip to Europe

► A trip to Germany, Austria, and Holland by the choir at the College of the Ozarks has been cancelled by its director because of the Persian Gulf crisis.

The group of 50 students, faculty, staff, and alumni instead will tour Louisiana, Tennessee, Georgia, and Florida from May 25 to June 4.

MAKING A STATEMENT



Barbara Bechtel stands with her daughter, Andrea, at the "Day of Concern" opening rally in the Capitol rotunda Tuesday. More than 1,200 people were on hand for the rally to show support for pending legislation concerning the developmentally disabled. After the rally, participants lobbied legislators for aid.

Senate action packs bigger punch for DWI

BY STEPHEN MOORE
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Getting tougher on drunk driving could mean a \$6 million shot in the arm for the Missouri Highway Department.

Sen. Harry Wiggins (D-Kansas City) has introduced what he calls "the toughest DWI bill" the Senate has ever considered. In its original form, the measure would have lowered the blood alcohol content (BAC) standard defining legal intoxication.

That provision, however, is nearly dead, Wiggins said.

"Probably it wasn't time to do that," he said. "It's a new idea, a new concept. We have evidence of only four states that have done that."

Following the suggestion of Gov. John Ashcroft in his State of the State Address Jan. 9, the bill suggested lowering the BAC standard from .10 percent to .08. Wiggins said he did not consider this a major part of the measure.

"That was one small part of that bill," he said, "and the votes aren't there for that. The rest of the bill is intact and in very good shape."

Among the other provisions in the bill is a tightening of restrictions on the issuance of hardship licenses. Under the pending statute, hardship licenses, which allow motorists to

drive only to prescribed destinations, will be issued after a 30-day suspension for first offenders and a one-year suspension for repeat offenders.

The bill also would require municipal court drunk driving convictions to become part of a driver's criminal record. Wiggins said now drunk drivers may be convicted repeatedly in municipal court without receiving increased sentences.

With the change, however, the convictions will be allowed to accumulate, resulting in harsher punishments for each conviction. Open containers in vehicles also would be prohibited if the measure gains approval.

In addition to providing a remedy for the state's drunk driving problem, the bill is designed to bring Missouri into compliance with federal regulations.

It also will allow the state to receive an additional \$6 million in federal funds. The money will be allocated in the next fiscal year and used in highway safety programs, Wiggins said the federal regulations were brought to the state's attention last spring.

Some opposition has been voiced from liquor store and restaurant owners who claim the measure may frighten away customers, according to Wiggins. Despite this, he said the

The Bill

Lower the BAC required for administrative revocation from .10 percent to .08 percent.

Prohibit the issuance of hardship licenses until 30-day suspension of license for first-time offenders and one-year suspension for repeat offenders.

Municipal court DWI convictions added to criminal record for the purpose of compounding penalties.

Provide for immediate confiscation of license upon refusal to take chemical BAC test.

Open containers of liquor prohibited while driving.

bill is favored by most Missourians. "It will be tremendously received by everyone who is afraid of drunk drivers and concerned with keeping our streets and highways clear of them," he said.

Wiggins said the bill is not intended to discourage people from drinking, but merely to reduce drunk driving.

"Drinking liquor and beer and wine is legal in Missouri," he said, "and we have no law saying how much you can or can't drink; however, don't let them put their keys in their car and we won't have that problem."

"It isn't stopping free speech," she

Rising Medicaid burdens budget Legislators work to stymie cuts

BY STEPHEN MOORE
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Rising health-care costs and added federal mandates have made the Missouri Medicaid program one of the state's most costly services.

A section in Gov. John Ashcroft's budget recommendation for fiscal year 1992 called Medicaid the "Paceman" of the state budget. According to the budget summary, Medicaid cost increases will take \$64 million from the FY 1992 budget.

Despite the increases, however, Sen. Harry Wiggins (D-Kansas City), vice chairman of the public health and welfare committee, said the program cannot be cut.

"I think it's something we need to cope with," Wiggins said. "Either we're going to help these people, or we're not."

"These people are not leeches or people collecting illegal unemployment or something like that," he said. "They're sick."

Under the program, the federal government covers 61 percent of Medicaid costs, with the state providing the remainder as matching funds.

According to Wiggins, part of the increase felt in program spending is due to the increasing scope mandated by the federal government.

"The federal government keeps adding more mandates and making more and more people eligible," he said. "So it just ups our ante and requires more tax money to provide matching funds."

According to Sen. J.B. "Jet" Banks (D-St. Louis), chairman of the public health and welfare committee, Ashcroft recently attempted to cut dental coverage for Missourians over 65. This cut would mean \$5.6 million in lost Medicaid funding. Although Ashcroft has decided to delay the cut temporarily, Wiggins said

the only solution to the Medicaid problem would be an increase in funding, although he is not optimistic of a hike in the near future.

"I'd like to see the federal government either increase its share of the funds or return more of our tax money to pay for the nursing homes," Wiggins said. "What are we going to do—throw them onto the street?"

Wiggins said the only solution to the Medicaid problem would be an increase in funding, although he is not optimistic of a hike in the near future.

"I think there's got to be more people concerned about what's going on in the Medicaid problem," he said, "and they should let their voices be heard through their elected officials."

Danner said the committee from the Department of Revenue reviews all applications for vanity plates to determine if they are permissible.

"We as a state have the right to control what we put out," she said.

Another provision of the bill prohibits the use of electronic message boards on automobiles. Danner said message boards usually are placed below the rear license plate and can display up to 11 personalized messages.

According to Danner, this measure was included in the bill as a safety consideration. She said some drivers may follow close behind another car in order to read the two-inch-high messages, thus presenting a potential for accidents.

"I was intrigued if I saw some words running across the bottom of a license plate," she said.

Although Danner said she is not aware of any problems which have occurred as a result of the message boards thus far, the bill is designed to prevent accidents before they happen. She also wants the bill to gain approval before drivers spend money on the message boards.

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New England transplant lands here by 'accident'

One-year position helps Hoffman to reach goals

BY P.J. GRAHAM
STAFF WRITER

A one-year position at Missouri Southern is helping Dr. Bryant Hoffman with other personal goals.

"I'm here by accident," says Hoffman with a laugh. As an assistant professor of English, he says he is at Southern "to get my feet on the ground, more than anything else."

Trying to start in the communications consulting business, he began to face financial problems. At that time he was offered the temporary job at Southern.

Hoffman said he had expected Southern to be "impersonal," but now believes it provides a better undergraduate education than most other colleges in the state.

"[I am] pleasantly surprised at how good it is," he said.

Moving from New England to the Midwest, Hoffman found one surprise hard to deal with. He said this area has more "religious fanaticism" than New England.

"There was a tolerance there, that I don't find here, for religious belief," he said. "How people can be intolerant and still profess to be Christian, I just can't get that."

So what does he do in his spare time?

"I grade papers," he jokes.

Living in a 19th century farm house in Verona, he says he spends a lot of time restoring. He also likes to take care of animals. Aside from his dog, Hoffman helps take care of his neighbor's hereford cattle.

I'd rather have herefords for neighbors than anyone else," he said of the animals who are closer than his human neighbors, "except when they have a hereford party."

Hoffman also enjoys downhill skiing.

"I'm a New England skier," he said, then adds jokingly, "that means I'm an ice skier."

Hoffman put this hobby to use when he worked in ski patrol during college. He worked a variety of jobs during college, including helping run a coffee shop in a mental

hospital. Hoffman said he had sincere interest in an executive retail position when he worked in a men's wear department until he was moved to women's evening clothes.

Hoffman grew up in northern New Jersey. He started attending Colgate University in 1962, where he received his bachelor of arts degree in English. Coming from a long line of doctors, he let his family assume he was enrolled in a pre-medicine program.

"I think people ultimately major in what they like," he said. But he also credits his English instructors for his choice.

"There were as hard as nails," Hoffman said. "But they were good. I'm amazed at how they made their subject interesting."

After Colgate, he attended Rutgers University to get his master of arts degree and Ph.D. in English. He also attended Yeats International School in Ireland and had on-site broadcast training in 1985 with WNHT-TV (CBS).

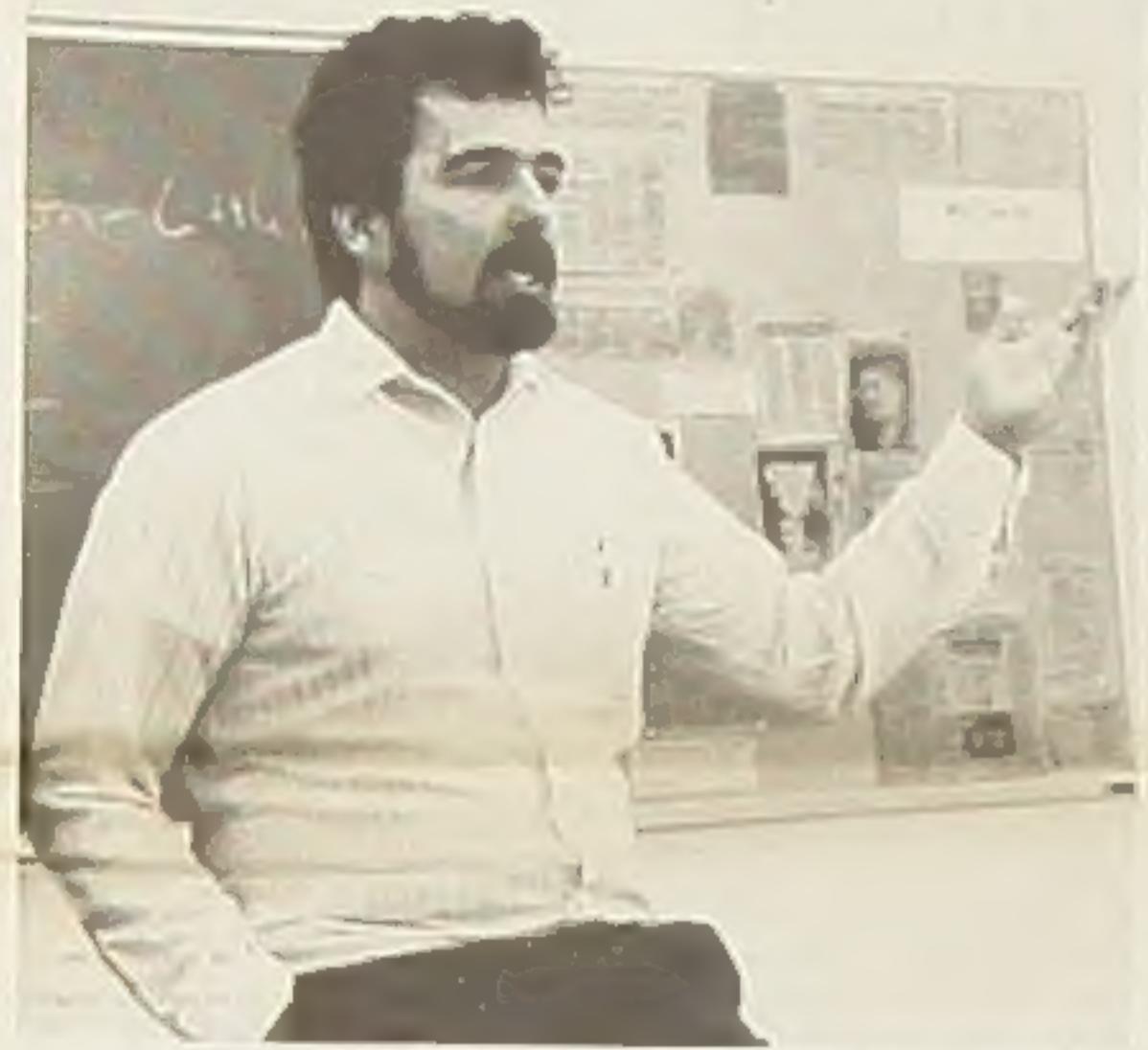
GETTING HIS FEET ON THE GROUND



KAYLEA HUTSON/The Chart

Dr. Bryant Hoffman, assistant professor of English, aids Melissa Brooks, freshman undecided, to choose a topic for her research paper. Before coming here, he tried his hand as a communications consultant.

PEACE THROUGH NAIVETE



CHRIS COX/The Chart

Dr. Bob McDermid, an assistant professor of psychology, said he is naive enough to believe that "we can have a world with peace."

'Valley Guy' turned Midwest teacher

McDermid encourages students to 'take time to smell the roses'

BY NICOLE DAVISON
CHART REPORTER

Who would have guessed that he was a "Valley Guy?"

Dr. Bob McDermid, assistant professor of psychology, grew up in the San Fernando Valley of Los Angeles.

"I guess my school was a hippie school," he said. "I was about as straight as they came in high school. I was one of the only guys you could look at in the yearbook and tell I was a guy."

He was recruited for track and cross country at Graceland College in Lamoni, Iowa, and later ended up coaching men's and women's cross country and women's track there for three years.

McDermid said he has competed and done well in four marathons but does not have the time now to run.

After leaving Graceland, he joined the staff at St. Mary's College in

Leavenworth, Kan. There he taught classes at the federal penitentiary, which had a contract with the college. One of the classes was human sexuality.

said, "and maintained constant howling."

— While McDermid said he enjoyed teaching at the smaller college, he added that they are more apt to have

"I'm idealistic. I guess that I'm just naive enough to believe that we could have a world with peace."

—Dr. Bob McDermid, assistant professor of psychology

McDermid said the inmates disagreed with the textbook and thought that women found rape exciting. He found being locked in a room with men like this "disconcerting."

There was another factor McDermid had to deal with during class:

"Immigrating Cubans who had been placed in prisons were in a subplot across from the classroom," he

financial difficulties. He finds working at a state school "more secure."

He is here on a one-year contract. McDermid said he chose psychology because he enjoys working with people and liked his psychology classes in school.

He received his B.A. in psychology from Graceland, his M.A. in counseling from the University of Kansas, and his Ph.D. from KU.

McDermid said his family consists of his wife, three-year-old son, and a "large, black, monstrous dog." He and his wife are awaiting the birth of their second child.

While McDermid is busy at Southern and working part-time at the College Skyline Center, a clinical psychology private practice, he still finds time to enjoy his family.

It seems like students are doing too much. They have a family and job and go to school 20 hours a week," said McDermid.

"Take time to smell the roses. Slow down and enjoy your family. Take time and make it possible."

Part of his family is not here to enjoy. A brother, brother-in-law, and two cousins are with the troops in Saudi Arabia.

"I'm idealistic," he said. "I guess that I'm just naive enough to believe that we could have a world with peace."

Marshfield pressure brings Ballard here

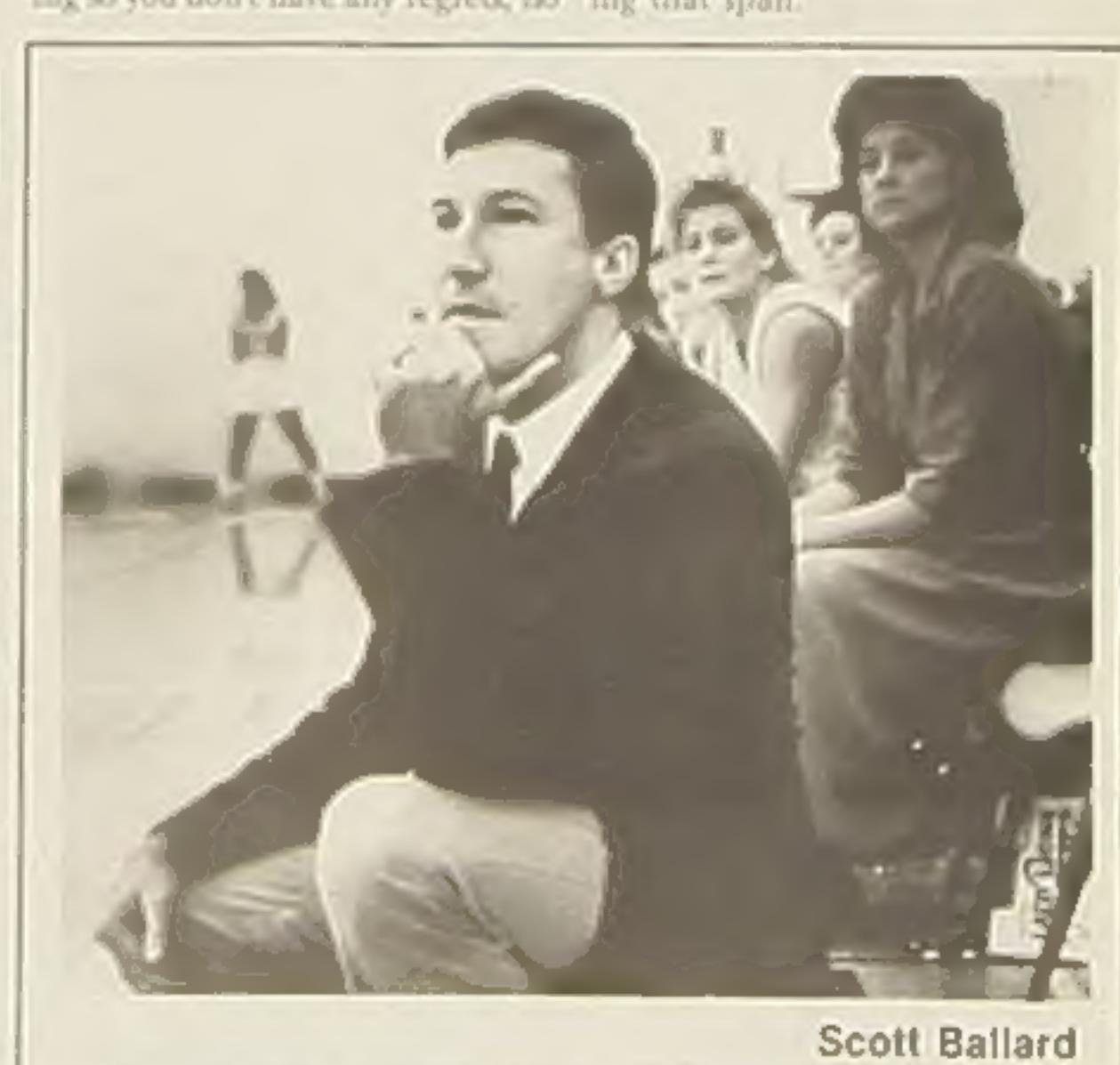
BY RON FAUSS
CHART REPORTER

Staying focused on goals is the key to life as well as basketball, according to Scott Ballard, head women's basketball coach.

"My philosophy is that no matter what you choose to do in life, give it your complete effort and total concentration about what you're doing so you don't have any regrets, no

they're becoming and what type of attitude they're taking on that they believe in what we're doing and they believe that they have a chance."

Ballard came to Southern after a 10-year high school coaching career at Niangua and Marshfield. He compiled a career record of 223-58, including state championships in his last three seasons at Marshfield, where he had a record of 98-0 during that span.



Scott Ballard

Financial aid counselor blends in at Southern

BY TROY COMEAU
CHART REPORTER

Even in high school, she knew that business would some day be her life.

New to Missouri Southern but not to this area, Sherry Pennington has always wanted to go into some form of occupation that involved business.

"Even in high school, I knew that's what I wanted to do," she said.

Now she has found just that. A financial aid counselor, Pennington enjoys the people she meets.

"Although I have not met many instructors, I enjoy meeting everyone that I come in contact with," she said.

Although she is restricted to working with students with last names beginning with G-O, she still meets many students and their parents on a daily basis.

Her job involves much paperwork, as well as a lot of time.

It is also apparent that she enjoys traveling.

"Although I've never been outside the United States, I have been to almost all states," she said. "I hope to sometime travel outside the U.S., if it ever gets safe again."

Pennington has lived 22 years in Nevada and two years in Lamar, her current home. She and her husband are hoping to move closer to the



Sherry Pennington

about a month when I saw the job," said Pennington. "I thought I could do the job."

Another factor in her decision was the campus.

"The campus is nice; it has some really nice facilities," she said.

economics seemed to fascinate me," he said.

The only drawback that I see with Southern is that the people in the business department do not get to associate with the other disciplines. At SMSU the business department was not separate from the other departments," said Larson.

Spending 20 years in the Navy, he traveled to England, Spain, France, Italy, Turkey, and Greece.

"Of all the places that I have been, my favorite place would be Washington, D.C.," Larson said. "Washington is beautiful in the spring, it is so clean, and the buildings are magnificent."

After receiving his G.I. bill, he decided to attend the University of Missouri-Rolla, where he received his bachelor's degree.

"In my first semester at UMR, I had an economics course. After that,

matter what the outcome," Ballard said. "People have nothing to be guilty about as long as they are giving their total effort."

He says this philosophy is mirrored by this season's edition of the Lady Lions. Ballard points to the narrow loss against Central Missouri State on Jan. 28 as an example.

"Our kids took that loss [against No. 6 CMSU] really hard, and it was because of how hard they played and how close they got," he said. "That shows how competitive

Ballard lists extreme pressure and a new challenge as the reasons he came to Southern.

"At Marshfield, the pressure was extremely intense with that winning streak and everything, and I felt like there wasn't anything else that I could accomplish there at the high school level. I'm a competitor, and competitors thrive on a challenge, and this situation developed. I had always been intrigued about what it would be like at the college level and I could be successful there."

Larson: making money is not the top priority

BY CHRISTY MYERS
CHART REPORTER

A new economics instructor believes that making money should not be a top priority.

"If you are not enjoying what you are doing, then find something else," said Marvin Larson, instructor of business at Missouri Southern.

Larson, formerly a business instructor at Southwest Missouri State University for six years, joined the Southern faculty in the fall.

"I was not granted tenure at SMSU because I did not have a doctorate, so I applied to Southern and was hired."

"So far, I like Southern and would like to stay here forever. Students at Southern are more serious than those at SMSU," he said.

Larson believed SMSU was putting too much emphasis on research.



Marvin Larson

THE SPORTS SCENE

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CMSU routs Southern

Corn: 'If we win Saturday, we are in' playoffs

BY ROD SHETLER
SPORTS EDITOR

Needing only one more victory to secure an MIAA post-season tournament position, the basketball Lions dropped their fifth conference game in a row last night, 80-55 to nationally ranked Central Missouri State University.

The Mules (23-3, 12-3) are rated sixth in this week's NCAA Division II Top 20 poll. They are tied for second place in the MIAA with Missouri Western.

The Lions (11-15, 5-10) trailed 34-21 at halftime and never could get on track in the second half.

"We shot the ball poorly in the first half (30.8 percent)," said Robert Corn, head coach. "When you shoot less than 31 percent against this team it's hard to come back."

Junior Kenny Simpson was the only Lion in double figures on the night, throwing in 17 points and grabbing five rebounds.

The loss for Southern does not end its playoff hopes by any means. A win against Washburn University on Saturday night would put the Lions into the MIAA tournament.

"[The loss to CMSU] really doesn't change anything at all," said Corn. "If we win Saturday we are in. If we

don't we have to count on other people to help us out."

CMSU's combination of senior guard LaKeith Humphrey and last year's MIAA most valuable player Armando Becker accounted for 60 of the Mules' 80 points on the night.

"I saw Humphrey play against Southwest Missouri when he played for Kansas State, so I already knew he was tough," said sophomore guard Keith Allen. "Our league is guard dominated; there are a lot of great guards in this league."

CMSU's final regular-season game is Saturday in Warrensburg against conference champion Southwest Baptist University (24-1, 15-0).

"I think we have a chance to knock them off," said CMSU coach Jim Wooldridge. "We match up well with them in a lot of areas."

The Lions dropped a close game Saturday to ninth-ranked Missouri Western in St. Joseph, 60-51. Allen and Simpson both had 15 points, and freshman Chris Tucker tied his season high for rebounds with nine. Southern held the Griffons to 22 points under their season average.

The Lions had their problems, though, on Feb. 21 when they went up against the No. 2 team in the nation in SBU. Southern's 122-77 loss in Bolivar set school records for most

points allowed and the largest margin of defeat (45 points).

The Lions will take on the MIAA's sixth-place team at 7:30 p.m. Saturday in Washburn (14-11, 8-6) in their final regular-season game. The Ichabods already have clinched a playoff berth.

"It feels nice to have clinched," said Washburn coach Bob Chipman. "It is something we have been shooting for all year. I hope we do into the playoffs with a little momentum, though."

The Ichabods do have some more incentive to win the game Saturday.

"It is an important game for us in the respect that we are hoping to win 10 games in the league this season also," said Chipman.

If the Lions lose Saturday, they are not necessarily eliminated from the playoff picture. The University of Missouri-Rolla, Northwest Missouri, and Northeast Missouri all are scrambling for the remaining two spots.

"It really comes down to one ballgame for us right now," said Corn. "If we don't win, we will have to go through the back door, and we don't want to do that. Washburn is not at the level our last three opponents have been, but they're not a patsy by any means."

Tough schedule has team winless

BY ROD SHETLER
SPORTS EDITOR

Most baseball coaches will agree that as long as their team is making contact, the hits eventually will start coming.

That is the dilemma for the baseball Lions after dropping their fourth and fifth straight games, 8-4 and 6-1, to Oral Roberts University in Tulsa Saturday.

"We are hitting the ball well right now; they're just right at people," said Warren Turner, head coach. "We'll eventually get our hits. It always evens out in the end."

Senior Rocky Williams led the Lions in the first game with three singles while junior righthander Mark Baker absorbed the loss.

In the second half of the twinbill, eight different Lions had one hit apiece as senior southpaw Ken Grindt was dealt his first loss of the 1991 campaign.

The Lions, 0-5, have had no trouble getting runners on base, but scoring those runners has been more of a problem. Southern has stranded a total of 32 runners in the two games at ORU and a 10-4 loss Feb. 18 at Oklahoma University in Norman.

Even with the early season losses, Turner still believes his team has the rest of the season in perspective.

"Morale is pretty good right now," he said. "The guys who have been here for a few years know that this is just a part of our program. We begin every season playing these Division I schools so our record is usually 0-4 or 0-5 for awhile."

The Lions were scheduled to play Oklahoma State University Tuesday for the second time this season, but the contest was cancelled due to poor field conditions in Stillwater. The game will be rescheduled for some time in April.

"If I could play Oklahoma State every day, I would," said Turner. "We're going to try to reschedule that game as a doubleheader."

Southern's next matchup will be a doubleheader tomorrow at Central State University in Edmond, Okla.

"We usually play well against them," said senior righthander Tony Tichy. "They usually have pretty good pitching. We'll go in there with a positive attitude."

"Central Oklahoma is very competitive," Turner said. "They'll be as good as Oral Roberts."

Southern is trying to put the early losses behind it and concentrate on its upcoming bouts.

"The younger guys sometimes get real discouraged about the losses," said Tichy. "We seniors just keep telling them to keep on playing hard and the record will improve."

The Lions will participate in the Washburn University Classic this weekend in Topeka, Kansas. Hastings (Neb.) College and the host Ichabods will be among Southern's competition.

CLEARING A PATH



CHRIS COX/The Chart

Junior guard Diane Hoch tries to maneuver past a Missouri Western opponent in the Lady Lions' 63-55 season-ending win Saturday night in St. Joseph. Hoch led Southern with 93 assists in 1990-91.

Track team places seventh at MIAA tourney

BY NICK COBLE
STAFF WRITER

Missouri Southern's track and field team faced conference rivals Sunday at the MIAA Championships held at Central Missouri State University.

The men's squad took seventh overall, trailing Southeast Missouri State, Pittsburg State, Northwest Missouri State, CMSU, Lincoln University, and Northeast Missouri State. Southern edged the University of Missouri-Rolla and Southwest Baptist University.

"Naturally we want to be up there at the top, but to come as far as we have and be a factor is an accomplishment," said Tom Rutledge, head coach.

"I tell the kids that now we're a contender, not a pretender."

John Buchanan placed in several events Sunday, taking fifth in the 60-yard dash (6.79), second in the long jump (23-04), and third in the triple jump (46-04). Buchanan has met provisional qualifying standards for both the long and triple jump and will travel to national competition should slot open.

Higinio Covarrubias took sixth in the 600 (1:16), and Jamie Nofsinger placed sixth in the 880 (2:00).

The Lady Lions took sixth overall among eight teams. SEMO was first, followed by PSU, Northeast, CMSU, and Northwest. Southern edged Lincoln and UMR.

For the women's squad, Donna Boleski took fifth in the mile (5:21). Debbie Williams reached a provisional qualifying time of 2:19 in the 800 (second place).

"I didn't really push myself as I should," Williams said. "I don't feel like I've done too well in indoor this

year. I would have liked to have done a little bit better."

Williams cites problems outside the track, including transferring to Southern at the beginning of the semester, as causing a slow start this indoor season.

The track squad is now turning its attention to the upcoming outdoor season, hoping to apply the lessons learned from its first official indoor track season.

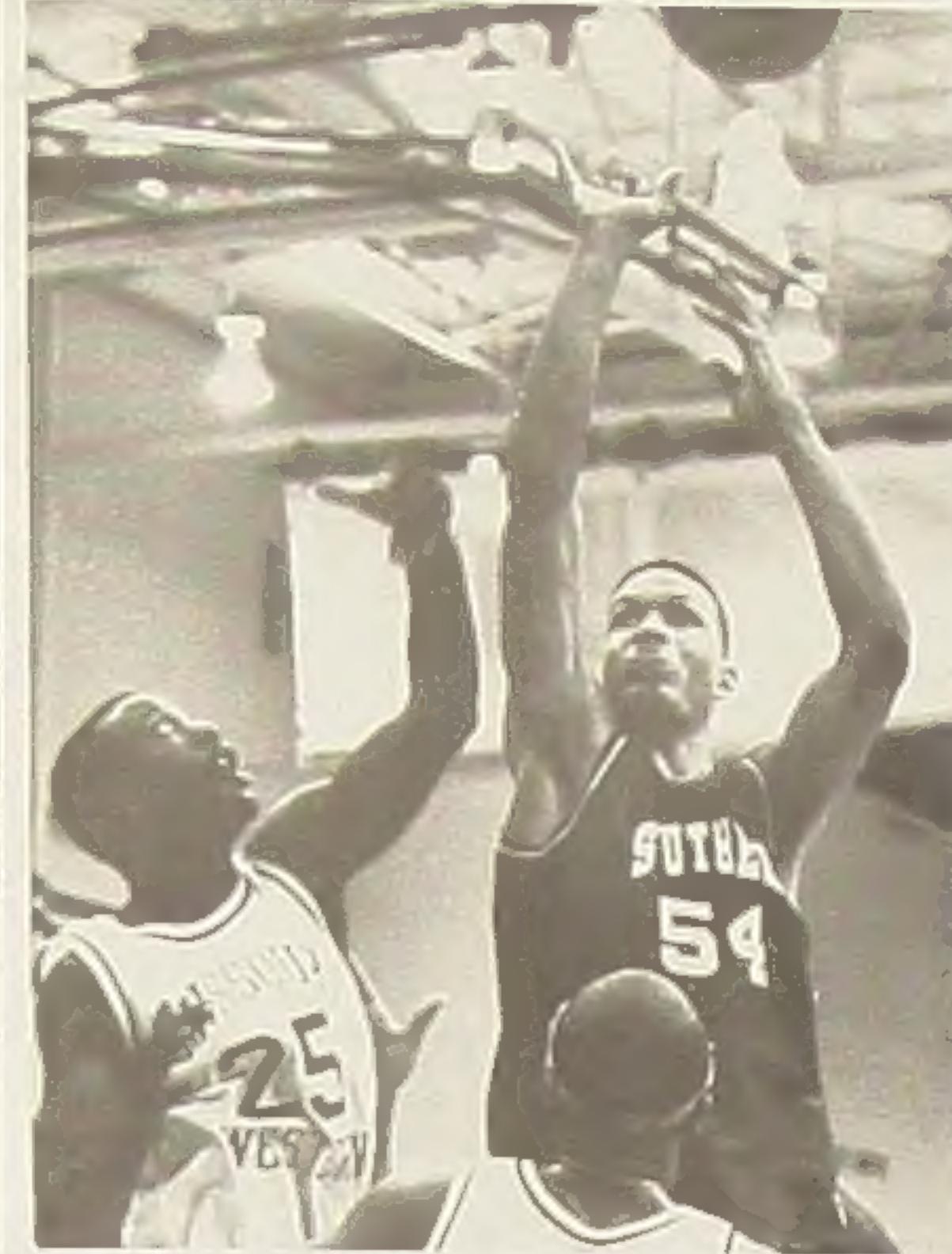
"We knew we could do only so much with the limited number of

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OVER THE DEFENSE



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Freshman center Chris Tucker launches a shot over the Missouri Western defense in Saturday night's 60-51 MIAA loss in St. Joseph.



NICK COBLE

It's cold outside—why run?

The world seems to come to a standstill, or at least take a temporary pause from its daily routine as I run on those cold winter days. Just me, my thoughts, and the ice-laden road that lies ahead.

Winter running is difficult for even the most hardy of runners. As the temperature drops, training invariably slows down. The fact that Southern does not have an indoor track makes it even more difficult for its runners to prepare for the indoor season.

The result: Southern's runners often move into indoor season a bit more slowly than runners from other schools. They hit the streets with snow, ice, and cold temps. Existing injuries can be aggravated and new ones formed. Sophomore Jason Riddle can attest to this; he still has lingering injuries from last fall's cross country season.

Winter running poses a simple question to non-runners: why do it? Why are you running outside in freezing temps with the wind howling and the snow falling?

The thought occurred to me one day. I'd never really thought of why; I just did it, as the Nike catch phrase told me to do.

It was a frigid December day. I was home for Christmas vacation and had talked my brother into joining me for a run on a day when the temperature hovered slightly above 0.

There's a certain bravado, or perhaps just an insanity that goes along with running on a day when the weather borders on dangerous.

We were out on a five-mile run with layered clothes and scarves around our mouths which quickly turned to solid ice. Decked out from head to toe, we looked like—well I don't know what we looked like—but it didn't matter. People would not have thought us any less crazy if we'd hit the street wearing togas.

As we caught a headwind that cut right through us, my brother turned to me and asked "Whose idea was this?"

As I started thinking about just why I would want to do this, the best description I could come up with was fear. Fear of losing some of what we had worked so hard to obtain over the past year. Fear that slacking off, even a little, would make that hill a bit steeper, that race a bit harder, and that once routine training run not quite so routine anymore.

And so I continued my training runs the best I could, still holding on to my aspirations, using them for motivation on those particularly nasty days.

I dreamed of winning the Boston Marathon, even though I realized my chances of winning Boston are about as great as Chari sports editor Rod Shetler's intramural basketball team winning a game, which I believe is a sign that the world is coming to an end. "...and the awkward moving white men shall score three pointers." But, that's a touchy subject around The Chart office, and I digress.

And so we were off down those icy roads. It had been a long time since I'd run on snow and ice, too long. I had forgotten that it's a bit different from regular running.

My brother, Tony, had installed hex head screws on the soles of an old pair of shoes for traction. I scoffed at the idea. I wasn't going to ruin a pair of my shoes. We set off down an icy road, Tony clomping along like a Clydesdale when we hit a slick spot.

I fell to the earth with a resounding thud. I got up, brushed the dirt off my pride and the snow off my butt, and continued on my way, somewhat more careful this time.

The next day I traveled to the hardware store and asked the clerk where I could find some hex head screws.